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Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, June 18th.
Comment is general that this year's Ascot meeting was the biggest in point of numbers, and the most brilliant in a social sense, that has been witnessed for many years. The crowd in the Royal enclosure was notable to an unusual degree for the numbers of people who were present, more than half the Peerage being represented, while there was a fair sprinkling of visitors from the Dominions. The month of June so far has been a period of sunshine, and the flower-beds and decorations were seen at their best during the four days of the meeting.

The lawns had been trimmed to the ultimate point of neatness, and invited the delicate tramping of elegant shoes. The course itself had been assiduously tended. For six weeks before the opening it was continuously watered night and day, upwards of half a million gallons of water having been distributed through five miles of piping and five thousand nozzles.

A Unique Gathering.

In some ways Ascot is unchanging, and that, of course, is its chief attraction. There is no race meeting like it on earth, for you have scenes of animation set in the midst of the spacious green heath, the music of bands, the sound of voices and merry laughter, pretty frocks, keenly-fought races, and the whole crowned with the presence of the King and Queen. In such circumstances who would wish for change?

Then, of course, there is the passing of the semi-State procession of the King and Queen and the Royal party. A subdued murmur intimates that their Majesties have passed through the golden gates at the Windsor Park entrance to the course, and this is succeeded by far-off cheering, which gradually grows in volume.

Soon the people across the course and the parties in private boxes sound a loyal welcome. You see that the King's hat is in his hand, and both he and the Queen continually bow their acknowledgments. In the Royal enclosure hats are raised and women bow as the landau swings into the courtyard, where the Stewards and members of the Jockey Club await the Royal party.

The Prince of Wales.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will take up his residence in Marlborough House at the end of September. For over ten years before the death of Queen Alexandra, who made her home there on the death of King Edward, nothing had been done to it in the way of redecoration, and although King George halved the expenditure which the Office of Works considered necessary, a general "brush, scrape and paint" is being effected at a cost of between £3,000 and £4,000.

The rooms chosen by the Prince are on the first floor and approximate as nearly as possible in arrangement to the "West End flat," which is the Prince's ideal of bachelor quarters. His business-room, which overlooks the garden, adjoins his bedroom, with a bathroom alongside. Many of the apartments which the Prince is not expected to use will remain unfurnished.

A flight of marble steps leads from one of the drawing-rooms into the garden, where the removal of half a dozen elm trees which had stood for about a hundred years has made a wide and spacious lawn, on which it will be possible to have a tennis court. The Prince's seven cars have been garaged at Marlborough House of some time, and at the garage, which superseded the old stables, a petrol pump has been installed.

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RIVERS AND WELLS DRIED UP.

FAILURE OF CROPS.

PRETORIA, Transvaal.

According to reports received here, severe drought still prevails in various parts of the Union.

The areas most affected are the Karroo (Cape Province) and the Eastern and Northern Transvaal. The Selati River in the Zoutpansberg area is now too low for irrigation purposes; at Cluckstad, in the Vryheid district, rivers and spruets are running very low, while in the Weenen district the position is regarded as serious.

In Britstown (Cape) the dams are without water, and the district is experiencing the longest dry period in its history. From Laingsburg dry wells and dry furrows are reported. Even Port Alfred reports a scarcity of water. In Zoutpansberg, in the Northern Transvaal, there is no winter grazing for cattle, which are already in a poor condition. Pietersburg reports a low water supply, and in Barberton the drought continues. Summer crops are a total failure; the lack of winter grazing is now causing serious anxiety.

EMPEROR'S MOTHER IN TRAMWAY-CAR.

HOW SHE GOES TO THE THEATRE.

BUDAPEST.
The ex-Archduchess Maria Josefa of Austria, widow of the ex-Empress, K. & K. father, Archduke Otto, has just celebrated her sixtieth birthday in her modest villa at Geisgasse, a suburb of Munich. She lives in close retirement with her former lady-in-waiting, Marchioness Kreszenze Pallavicini, attended by two old servants, man and wife. She lost nearly all her property by the revolution in Austria and has had to furnish her little home gradually out of a very slender income.

Her chief recreation is going to the opera or the theatre in Munich when the management invites her for she cannot afford to buy seats for the better parts of the house. She always goes to and from the theatre in a tramway-car or on foot, her only excursions from home.

An English Hollywood.

An immediate effect of the legislation introduced to enforce a quota of British films at every cinema performance is the purchase of 35 acres of freehold property in the old British Empire Exhibition at Wembley for £147,500 for the establishment of what will, it is claimed, be the world's largest film studio. British Incorporated Pictures, Limited, is the company responsible for this ambitious enterprise, and arrangements are being made to turn the mighty Palace of Engineering, familiar to visitors when the Exhibition was open, into a vast building where thirty film "shooting" stages can be in use at once.

The promoters have also acquired a good slice of the ornamental lake and its grounds, half of the great avenue known as the King's Way, and the whole of the beautiful Colonnade and its gardens. It is an ideal site for the purpose. The plan is to make the place absolutely self-contained in the way of rest rooms, restaurants, baths and so forth.

Financial Backing.

The principle financial backer is Mr. Rupert Mason, the Lancashire cotton manufacturer, who with Mr. Ralph Pugh is joint managing director of British Authors Productions, the allied company which will undertake the actual business of production. It is hoped to start production in January next, and Mr. Pugh claims that when all the studios are in working order their production capacity will be 150 films a year.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Social for Servicemen, St. Peter's Y.M.C. Dinner: Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.
Queen's Theatre: "Oh, What a Nurse."
World Theatre: "The Sensation Seekers."
Star Theatre: "Black Cyclone."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, America, Shanghai, etc. (President Cleveland, President Hayes and Siberia Maru); Canada, America and Europe via Siberia (America of Canada). Outward: America, etc., Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (President Lincoln), 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner: Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien and after dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Queen's Theatre: "Oh, What a Nurse."
World Theatre: "Sixty Cents an Hour."
Star Theatre: "Heritage of the Desert."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Sphinx), 12.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

Extraordinary general meeting H.K. and Kowloon Taxi Cab Co., No. 35, Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Thursday.

Baseball: H.K. Baseball Club v. "Dragons" and "Tigers" (S.O.A.A.), Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Scottish Company meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m. Dinner: Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien, and after dinner Dances at Lee Gardens.
St. Peter's Y.M.C. Committee meeting, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Shoulder Arms" and "The Terror."
World Theatre: "Tongues of Flame."
Star Theatre: "The Wrong Mr. Wright."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (Mishima Maru), Friday.

Friday.

3rd Ordinary Yearly Meeting Hong Kong Yacht Club, Ltd., St. George's Building, noon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. and King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m. Hong Kong Water Polo Association meeting, Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m.
Dinner: Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.
Queen's Theatre: "Shoulder Arms" and "The Terror."
World Theatre: "Tongues of Flame."
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Lawn Tennis League:—Division I: Police R.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.; Kowloon Dock R.C. v. Craighower C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C. Division II: Tai Koo R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Club R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Royal Dock R.C. v. East Point R.C.; Craighower C.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C.
Lawn Tennis League:—"B" Division: Nippon Club v. Royal Engineers. "C" Division: South China A.A. v. H.K.C.C.
H.K. Baseball League: Japanese v. Dragons (S.C.A.A.), Happy Valley Diamond, 4 p.m.
St. Peter's Y.M.C. Launch Picnic. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 3.30 p.m.
Friendly Football: Chinese Athletic Association v. Service team, Soekunpoo, 5.45 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner: Dances at Cafe Restaurant Parisien, and King Edward Hotel.

Saturday.

Lawn Tennis League:—Division I: Police R.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.; Kowloon Dock R.C. v. Craighower C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C. Division II: Tai Koo R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Club R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Royal Dock R.C. v. East Point R.C.; Craighower C.C. v. Kowloon B.C.C.
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Sunday.

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NANKING'S HIGH-HANDED ACTION.

AN EXTRAORDINARY STATE
OF AFFAIRS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, July 15th.

With effect from July 1st, the Nanking Government has ordered the closing of all the Salt Inspectorate offices within its sphere of influence, thus terminating throughout a large part of the country the activities of a service which for a number of years has been one of the main supports of China's credit. This action has been brought about by the political extremists in the face of considerable opposition from many financiers of their own party, who realised that the unofficial discussions which have been proceeding would have served as a basis for an arrangement whereby the Southern finances would have benefited immediately, while the country's credit abroad would not be irretrievably damaged.

Not content with thus indicating its intention to abolish all over China a service which forms security for foreign loans amounting approximately to £40,000,000, the Nanking Government is now endeavouring to raise on the security of the "salt surplus" of Kiangsu and Chekiang alone a loan of \$60,000,000.

The Salt Revenues.

In view of the existing situation, and the heavy obligations for which the salt revenues of the whole country, under solemn international agreement, already form security, it is obvious that this security is not of the first class. It is pointed out here that there is less excuse for this action of the Nanking Government, even from the point of view of Nationalist policy, in that the Salt Inspectorate is not a foreign organisation imposed on China, but was constituted by an agreement freely entered into by the Chinese Government, and highly profitable to China until its peaceful operation was interrupted by the militarists, and in the Inspectorate service the principal of absolute equality between Chinese and foreigners in respect of powers, responsibilities and privileges, has been strictly maintained throughout.

The salt taxes in the south will in future be collected by the nominees of the Nanking Government, who are already ejecting the officers of the Inspectorate from their functions. There seems to be no alternative in the very near future to paying off the Inspectorate, with the exception of a small nucleus throughout the south. The staff in Kiangsu alone amounts to several hundred.

An "Incomprehensible Step."

PEKING, July 15th.
Mr. Hussey Freke, Inspector-General of the Salt Gabelle, in a statement with reference to the interview with Mr. Y. M. Chien said it was true that the Nanking Government issued an order abolishing all the district inspectorates of the Salt Revenue department in areas under their control.

These were established under the specific provisions of Article V. of the Reorganisation Loan Agreement of 1913 as part of the machinery for the collection of the salt revenue of the whole of China which under that and previous loan agreements with foreign banks was pledged as security for the loans of which the amount outstanding of which the amount outstanding was approximately £40,000,000.

Until satisfactory provision was made by the Chief Inspectors for the service loans, the question could not be one of a salt surplus.

"I can only regret the repudiation by the Southern authorities of the agreement freely entered into by the Government of united China with the bank and investors of five foreign powers. Their action is more incomprehensible as every provincial Government has in recent years benefited largely from the salt revenue collections made under the district inspectors' supervision as soon as the loan obligation had been met," said the Inspector-General.

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NANKING'S MILITARY COUNCIL.

FORMALLY INAUGURATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, July 15th.

A Nanking message states that the Military Council of the Nanking Government was formally inaugurated to-day, when the members took the oath of office.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Koo Ying Fun, presided, and emphasised that the functions of the Council were similar to those of the Ministries of War, Navy and Air of the European Governments, including the functions of the General Staff. The Council embraces the administration on all military affairs of the country, with the Commander-in-Chief subject to its orders.

The Commander-in-Chief holds the supreme military command of the armies in the field and troops who are under marching orders during campaigns.

The Nationalist Armies.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. C. C. Wu, on behalf of the Government, stressed the importance of discipline, and pointed out that the success of the Nationalist armies was not only due to the clever strategy of the commanders and loyalty of the soldiers, but also to their good discipline and the co-operation of the people in all the territories occupied by the troops.

He urged continued discipline if the Nationalist troops, after successfully establishing the Nationalist flag in the regions of the Pearl, Yangtze, and Yellow Rivers, were to gain their final objective and water their horses on the banks of the Amur.

He added that the Council must make the armies in truth and in fact an army of the people.

Mr. Wu Tsz Hui, who represented the Kuomintang, and Mr. Hu Han Min, replied for the new Council.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, General Ho Ying Yam and other members of the Council were present.

MURDER OF COMMUNIST AGENTS IN RUSSIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, July 15th.

The Soviet authorities continue to report mysterious fires and explosions and acts of violence including many murders of Communist agents especially in the provinces.

"Properly Protected."

"I don't understand Mr. Chien's statement that the loans secured on salt were properly protected. The amount at present held in the banks at the Chief Inspector's disposal is \$3,290,000. Foreign loan payments due from salt revenue in September are \$5,800,000. There appears no likelihood of making good the difference in the next six months.

"I leave the Sino-foreign investors to draw their own conclusions. The districts under the control of Nanking are not contributing a single dollar towards the loan served by the salt revenue. On the contrary they are using the security pledged as a prior obligation towards the floating of a new loan of \$60,000,000; at the same time indicating their intention to abolish the service which has been one of the main supports of China's credit and which was founded on a solemn undertaking with the Chinese Government. This action is more regrettable as the service has, I think under my distinguished predecessors, achieved results which have been of the greatest benefit to China and which have provided an example as to what can be accomplished by Sino-foreign colleagues, whose powers, responsibilities and privileges within the service have been in all respects equal."

Gail on Premier.

It is understood that the ministers connected with the reorganisation loan called on the Premier this afternoon in connection with the Nanking action regarding the Salt Gabelle.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

WELCOMED BY THE CITY
OF LONDON.

THE DUKE ON THE TOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 15th.

The Duke and Duchess of York had a spontaneous and rousing welcome along crowded streets when driving from Buckingham Palace to pay a ceremonial visit to the City to lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall on the completion of their Imperial tour.

"We have returned home convinced optimists in the future of the Empire," declared the Duke, in acknowledging an address presented at the Guildhall.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

The Empire's Growth.

Rugby, July 15th.
The Duke and Duchess of York were to-day officially welcomed home from their tour, by the City of London.

They drove in state to the Guildhall through decorated streets, and were accorded a great popular ovation. Eight hundred guests, who included the Prince of Wales, Prince George, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, participated in the Guildhall reception, together with the Prime Minister and other Ministers, and leaders of the opposition parties in Parliament.

Replying to an address of welcome, the Duke said they had returned convinced optimists about the future of the Empire.

"We have had a wonderful time. The last six months have been for both of us the most interesting and most memorable in our lives. But it is good to be in the old country again, in our own home and with our own family. My first and foremost impression of the tour is the wonderful loyalty of all classes to the Throne and Empire, and their affection for the Mother Country, which they still call home. My second great impression is the marvellous development which has taken place in Australia and New Zealand within three generations."

Discussing the desire for a larger population, in which the people of both Dominions were united, he said both countries were determined that the future population must be of British stock. The question of overseas Empire settlement was one of the most important of the present time, and he suggested that wise and progressive development of migration would best be achieved by sending home a few successful settlers and their wives, who had been in the country for five years, to tell intending emigrants the true facts.

PALESTINE EARTHQUAKE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JERUSALEM, July 15th.

It is officially stated that the earthquake resulted in 192 deaths in Palestine, 88 in Trans-Jordan and nearly a thousand other casualties in both territories.

Half of Ramleh and Lydda and a third of Nablus must be rebuilt. Two years will be required to repair the havoc. A general relief fund has been opened.

BOLIVIAN PLOT.

ARREST OF PROMINENT RESIDENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

La Paz, July 15th.

An official communiqué states that a revolutionary plot has been discovered here. A number of prominent Bolivians have been arrested including Jose Villanueva, whose election as President of Bolivia in 1925 was annulled before he took office, and Gustavo Navarro, a prominent Communist.

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Bank Bills, on demand	133 1/2
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Telegraphic Transfer	133 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	133 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	102
On MANILA—	
On demand	87 1/2
On SINGAPORE—	
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[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

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Prague	183 1/2
Madrid	28.34 1/2
Athens	365
Rio	5.27/32
Bombay	1/5 1/2
New York	4.83 1/2
Geneva	25.22 1/2
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.47
Helsingfors	182 1/2
Lisbon	2.7/10
Bucharest	785
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Yokohama	1/11 1/2
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GENEVA'S NAVAL CONFERENCE.

BRITISH CLAIM JUSTIFIED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, July 15th. The newspapers are encouraged by the tone of the speeches delivered at Geneva yesterday.

The *New York World* declares that the conference has reached a point where statesmanship should supersede expertness and that an agreement to prevent a naval building race can and must be made.

The *New York Times* suggests that Britain, Japan and the United States should negotiate directly with the view to an agreement based on broader principles than those governing the experts.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

American Views.

GENEVA, July 15th. There is much comment on the fact that Mr. Hugh Gibson did not allude in his statement yesterday to the British proposal for a building programme for cruisers which, if accepted, would lead to naval holiday.

It is also remarked that several parts of his statement are contradictory to each other.

Some surprise is expressed at what practically amounts to a denial that the United States put forward her requirement for 25 big cruisers, as a preliminary to any agreement.

Mr. Gibson now states, "It is obvious that if an agreement could be reached on tonnage levels, as we advocated, it would be impossible for us during the life of the proposed treaty to add to or fleet such a number of maximum sized cruisers. I clearly informed my colleagues that I was willing to discuss the numbers of such vessels once we agreed on the tonnage limitations."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

The British Claim.

RUGBY, July 15th. Private conversation on the suggestions put forward regarding cruisers at yesterday's plenary session of the Geneva Naval Conference took place to-day, and will be continued to-morrow.

Press reports from Geneva state that if these negotiations result in the basis of an agreement being reached, a further formal meeting may take place early next week.

The *Evening News*, commenting on yesterday's meeting, says the goal of agreement cannot be reached by limitation of total tonnage. It may well be reached by settlement of the maximum building programmes for the three conferring powers over a number of years.

After examining the statements by the heads of the British and American delegations, the *Evening News* endorses the view expressed by "Pertinax" in the *Echo de Paris* "Britain's thesis is very stolid. It is justified by the fact that her two small islands in the centre of a vast Empire can only maintain themselves for seven weeks without outside supplies."

British Conciliating Japanese.

GENEVA, July 16th. The delegates to the tripartite naval conference are remaining in Geneva, abandoning the contemplated week-end in the country. They are at present discussing the total cruiser and destroyer tonnage.

It is stated that the British have rather reduced their totals in order to conciliate Japanese views.

NICARAGUAN AFFAIRS.

THE ULTIMATUM TO SANDINO.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, July 16th. Although the ultimatum to General Sandino expired on July 14th, General Feland, commanding the detachment of American marines here, announces that immediate action against Sandino is not contemplated, though an expedition will be sent eventually.

DEVELOPMENT OF BRITISH COLONIES.

A COMMISSION APPOINTED TO AFRICA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

SELF-GOVERNMENT.

RUGBY, July 15th. The British Government announces that as a result of the discussion at the recent Colonial Conference in London, some form of closer union between the territories of Central and Eastern Africa appears desirable, more particularly in regard to the development of transport and communications, customs tariffs and customs administration, scientific research, and defence.

A special commission is therefore to be sent to Africa, with the following terms of reference:—

Firstly, to make recommendations as to whether, either by federation or some other form of closer union, more effective co-operation between the divergent governments may be secured.

Secondly, to consider which territories could be brought within any such closer union.

Thirdly, to make recommendations in regard to possible changes in the powers and constitutions of the various Legislative Councils of the several territories, both as a result of federation and as a means of associating immigrants, and ultimately the natives, in the work of government.

Fourthly, to suggest the best means of securing the complementary political development of the native and non-native communities.

Fifthly, to recommend improvements in internal communications necessary to a closer union, and

Sixthly, to consider the finance of federation.

In making the declaration of policy involved in setting up the commission the Government emphasises its adherence to the 1922 statement regarding the political status and other rights of British Indians resident in East Africa, and the imperial duty of safeguarding the interests and progress of the native population, as trustees for their welfare, until they can take part more fully in their own government and in the common affairs of all the races inhabiting these territories.

While the responsibilities of trusteeship must for some considerable time rest mainly on the agents of the Imperial Government, they desire to associate more closely in the task the colonists or residents who have identified their interest with the prosperity of the country.

SINGAPORE'S NEW DOCK.

FIRST SECTION LAUNCHED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 15th. The first of seven sections of the Admiralty dock intended for Singapore has been launched at Swan and Hunter's shipyards at Wallaseid.

It is expected that the seventh section will be launched in January, and the dock be completed by May.

MEXICO'S FEUD.

CATHOLICS RELEASED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, July 15th. President Calles has ordered the release of Catholic laymen who were imprisoned for sedition on the ground that the revolt failed and that they were merely the tools of the Catholic clergy.

FRENCH TRADE.

IMPORTS DECREASE.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, July 15th. The French imports for the first half of 1927 totalled 27,118 million francs, showing a decrease of 2,299 million compared with the same period last year.

The exports totalled 28,952 million francs, showing an increase of 198 million.

BIG BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

G.\$1,000,000 DAMAGE DONE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, July 16th. The plant of one of the largest rye bread bakeries in the world, belonging to the Fechter Baking Company, has been destroyed by fire.

The damage is estimated at a million dollars.

HONOURS FOR AMERICAN AVIATORS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, July 16th. It is announced that Lieutenant Noville, as well as Commander Byrd will be recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. Davis Wilbur (Secretary of the Navy) is on his way to New York to greet the aviators on their return.

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SER- VICE MEN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, July 15th. A total of 27,500 employers of labour in Britain are on the "King's record" of those who employ a certain percentage of disabled ex-service men.

The enrolled firms now employ approximately 380,000 such men.

Government departments discriminate where possible in favour of enrolled firms when placing contracts, and 581 municipal bodies now follow a similar course.

OBITUARY.

EX-U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PITTSFIELD, July 16th. The death is announced of Mr. Henry White, ex-United States Ambassador to France and Italy, who represented the United States at the Paris Conference after the War.

NUNGESSER'S FATE.

THE WRECKAGE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 15th. A message from St. John's, Newfoundland, says that the airman who was sent to investigate the report of two hunters that wreckage of an aeroplane has been found in the interior, has wired from St. George's discrediting the story.

The earlier message stated:—"Wreckage which it is thought may be that of Captain Nungesser's and Major Coli's aeroplane the *White Bird*, has been found in the interior of Newfoundland, by two hunters."

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CRITICISM BY BRITISH DOCTOR.

Sir George Newman, chief medical officer of the British Ministry of Health, in an address at Yale University on the "Responsibilities of citizenship," severely criticised the United States for the highest mortality in maternity cases among civilised nations, it being double that in Great Britain.

He also condemned the enormous death toll in America due to motor-cars, murders, and suicides.

Deaths attributed to childbirth in America in 1925 were 18,000, or 7.5 per 1,000 deaths from all causes. The number of deaths from childbirth in England and Wales was 2,700, or 3.8 per thousand deaths from all causes.

Grave Problem.

"I cannot escape the conclusion that the maternal mortality rate in America is a grave problem calling for the most serious attention of the American people," said Sir George. "There were also in 1925 21,827 deaths in America due to motor-car accidents, 22,000 deaths by murder and suicide, while in England and Wales there were 4,300 fatal street accidents and 4,348 deaths by murder and suicide. The cause in the rapid increase of motor accidents is obvious, but what is the explanation of the 22,000 murders and suicides? That is the question for the American people which I am incompetent to answer."

COCK FIGHTING IN ENGLAND.

STILL FAIRLY PREVALENT, SUB ROSA.

I am surprised says a writer in the *Evening Standard* that prosecutions for cock-fighting—two are reported from Lancashire this morning—are not more frequent, for the sport is very prevalent. In the Lake district—carried on, of course, sub rosa—cock-fighting is accepted in the natural order of things, and a lot of it can be found on the Ulster border, where, if there is a likelihood of police interference, it is easy to slip over into the Free State.

There is much cock-fighting in the Newmarket district, and I have heard of "mains" in London. A somewhat eminent sporting acquaintance of mine, by no means an inhuman person, has seen a good deal of cock-fighting, and a list of those who are partial to this form of illegal amusement would, I fancy, make astonishing reading.

Cock-fighting had a staunch advocate in no less a person than the late Admiral Rous, "the Father of the Turf," who wrote much on the subject, organised and attended "mains" quite openly, and even sent letters to the Press in passionate defence of one of his favourite forms of recreation.

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JAPAN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

PRONOUNCEMENT BY BARON TANAKA.

CHINESE TO SETTLE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

PRECAUTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ZONE.

Tokyo, July 18th.

At the final session of the Eastern Conference yesterday, after Mr. Kimura, Director of the Bureau of Asiatic Affairs, made a general report on the course of the conference, the Premier, Baron Tanaka, gave instructions to the officials present regarding the general principles of Japan's policy towards China as follows:—

1.—It is the basis of Japan's policy towards China that Japan endeavours to secure the peace of the Orient and to realize the principle of co-existence between Japan and China. As regards ways and means of realizing this end, taking into consideration Japan's special position in the Far East we must draw a sharp line between the methods to be adopted towards Manchuria and Mongolia and those towards China Proper. Here I will enumerate the general principles of our policy in accordance with this basis:—

Restoration of Order.

1.—The stabilization of the political situation and restoration of order in China is an urgent need of the day, but we consider that to realize this it is the best way to leave the Chinese people to settle their affairs. Japan, therefore, should be impartial to any one party or faction in any civil war or in any political strife in that country, fully respecting the will of the whole Chinese nation. Japan should strictly refrain from participating in union or disunion among various parties in China.

2.—We are firmly determined to endeavour, with wholehearted sympathy, to achieve gradually and reasonably the legitimate national aspirations due to the awakening of the moderate elements in China and to co-operate with other foreign Powers to put them in force. At the same time, Japan, like other foreign Powers, has an ardent desire to see peaceful and economic development of China, and for this end the Powers' friendly co-operation is necessary besides endeavours on the part of Chinese nation.

The Modern Men.

3.—The foregoing object will be accomplished only by the establishment of a firm Central Government. But as it seems that it is not easy for China to establish such a Government very soon judging from the present situation, there is no other alternative for us but to keep touch with moderate men of power in various parts of China for the present and wait for gradual unification of the whole of China.

4.—It is not improbable that various local governments will be established, standing against each other, under the influence of Northerners and Southerners, respectively. In that event the Japanese Government will of course take absolutely the same attitude towards such governments. And when the time is ripe for such local governments to establish a Joint adminis-

tration from a standpoint of international relations, Japan, irrespective of the site of such a government, should, with other Powers, welcome it as a unified government and at the same time make her intention clear to assist its development.

Defence of Japanese Interests.

5.—During the period before the realization of a unified Government, it is without doubt that some lawless people taking advantage of political unrest, might disturb peace and order, thereby giving rise to international affairs. The Japanese Government desires that in such a case such lawless people be suppressed and controlled and peace be maintained by the Chinese authorities, concerned. In case there is a fear of the Japanese rights and interests in China being encroached upon or the lives and property of Japanese residents being endangered, it is inevitable for the Japanese Government to take self-defensive measures in order to protect them.

6.—It is necessary for Japan not only to endeavour to dispel the suspicions of those who start anti-Japanese movements owing to fabricated reports regarding the relations between China and Japan but to take adequate steps for the protection of the Japanese rights.

Manchuria and Mongolia.

7.—As regards Manchuria and Mongolia, especially the Three Eastern Provinces, as they have a very important bearing upon Japan from a point of view of her national defence and existence, Japan not only needs special communication to those regions, but feels responsible, as a friendly neighbour, to make the regions places of safe residence for both Chinese and foreigners by maintaining peace and developing the regions economically. To promote economic conditions in Manchuria and Mongolia in accordance with the principle of the open door and equality of opportunity, means the quickening of the peaceful development of those regions. As to the protection of our vested rights and the settlement of the pending problems, we should deal with the matters in accordance with the foregoing principle. As for the stabilization of the economic conditions in the Three Eastern Provinces, we consider it is best to leave the Provincials to do so by their own efforts, but if the people in the Provinces, respecting our special position in those districts, wish to devise measures for the stabilization of the economic conditions, the Japanese Government must support them appropriately.

Safety of Special Zone.

8.—If there is a fear that Japan's special rights and interests will be encroached upon, in the event of the civil war spreading to Manchuria and Mongolia, Japan must protect them from whatever directions the disturbance may spread, and take adequate steps in time so that the special zone may be maintained as a place of safety for both Chinese and foreigners.—Toho.

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SATURDAY'S LIST.

A Post Office notice, dated Saturday, July 15th, shows that the following correspondence, etc., is awaiting claimants:—

Letters:—Messrs. W. Andrews, A. E. Barrow, E. Bolton, M. L. Brodie, Mrs. R. Brodie, Messrs. B. B. Brown, G. Brown, M. Burgess, Mrs. Donald Cairns, Messrs. Ah Chow (as Silverpine), O. Christensen, J. T. Clayton (Marine Engineer), A. C. Davis, Mme. Delegado, M. Duncan, Joe. Edmunds, E. Feneck (as Dardale), L. Linke, G. Le Grange, Miss J. L. Groves, Messrs. Haily & Co., Lt. Col. A. G. Hill, Mr. E. F. Holmes, Mrs. N. Hoyne, Mrs. R. M. Hutchins, Dr. H. C. James, Mrs. Jeffrey (Maiden Missionary House), Messrs. Vernon P. Jepsen, A. R. Jones, Mrs. M. R. Jones, Messrs. J. B. Kemp, William Kirkpatrick, L. Kornitzer (Diamond dealer), J. O. Leary (as Madette), Miss O. Ledonna, Messrs. Leesynah, E.

Lyster, J. Macdonald, N. G. Major, Sir J. R. McDonald, Messrs. D. W. McKillop, M. McQuillan, M. McC. Murray, Giovanni Nicolini, Miss L. Ogilvy, Messrs. A. Rabinovich, M. A. Sauer, C. Severino, M. K. Shirazi, L. Shuck, W. F. Sidebotham, Miss K. Simpson, Messrs. Khajan Singh, Wm. Stewart, Mrs. F. Swan, Mr. A. J. Tassell, Mrs. W. H. Terry, Mr. R. S. Thomas, Mrs. Claude Thurston, Messrs. V. Vladimirek, Messrs. Wei Sing On (as Silverpine), Walter Wilson, Capt. Wood, Messrs. Lombert Yeary, S. E. Young.

Unpaid Correspondence:—Mr. J. Edmonds, Mrs. S. Emlager (Repulse Bay Hotel), Miss M. Foote, Mrs. D. Keith, Mr. F. Keller (H.K. Hotel), Mrs. A. H. O'mara (c/o U.S. Ambassador).

Registered Covers:—Messrs. M. L. Brodie, J. Chaney (c/o American Consul), Chen Liang Fa (H.K. University), G. E. Cox (H.K. University), Mrs. R. Gay Cuming, Messrs. Far Eastern Biography Co., L. Fuchs, J. M. Guiterrez, K. Lutzke, N. V. Samuels of Java Trading Co., B. Reid, Mrs. Samols, Messrs. O. J. Todd, Yeoh Piong.

Unclaimed Parcels:—Miss E. H. Boll, Mr. Ng Si Kwan.

HONG KONG'S "HIPPODROME."

JOEY MUSIC HALL ATMOSPHERE AT THEATRE ROYAL.

OLD AND NEW FAVOURITES IN FORM.

Hong Kong now has a musical hall of its own, and a hall that fills to the doors every Saturday night. It is closed during the rest of the week, but on that night, well it is reminiscent of Portsmouth's Hippodrome or the Palace at Plymouth.

Soldiers are not easier to please than other folk, so the thunderous outbursts of applause—even of shouts, cheers and roars for more—argue well for the quality of the entertainment. It is certain that the concerts that Mrs. Costen so regularly organizes for Tommy attain a very commendable standard and little wonder that Service men come for more and more!

The house was as usual quite full on Saturday, and old patrons were not surprised to find that the programme included quite a number of performers new to them, as well as many of their favourites. It cannot be said that a certain item was undoubtedly the best, or that this one drew the most applause. The only course is to say that almost every one went down in a perfect furore.

Miss Aileen Woods gave a number of songs from her repertoire so pleasing to the lads that they would not allow her to retire until she had given many more numbers than she had thought to give. Miss Woods has captured the man's heart as surely as any comedienne ever captured the hearts of a mighty audience.

Drummer Steward "and His'n" put in a welcome reappearance, and Steward himself hit the boards with consummate mastery of his feet. He surely ought to be touring the provinces!

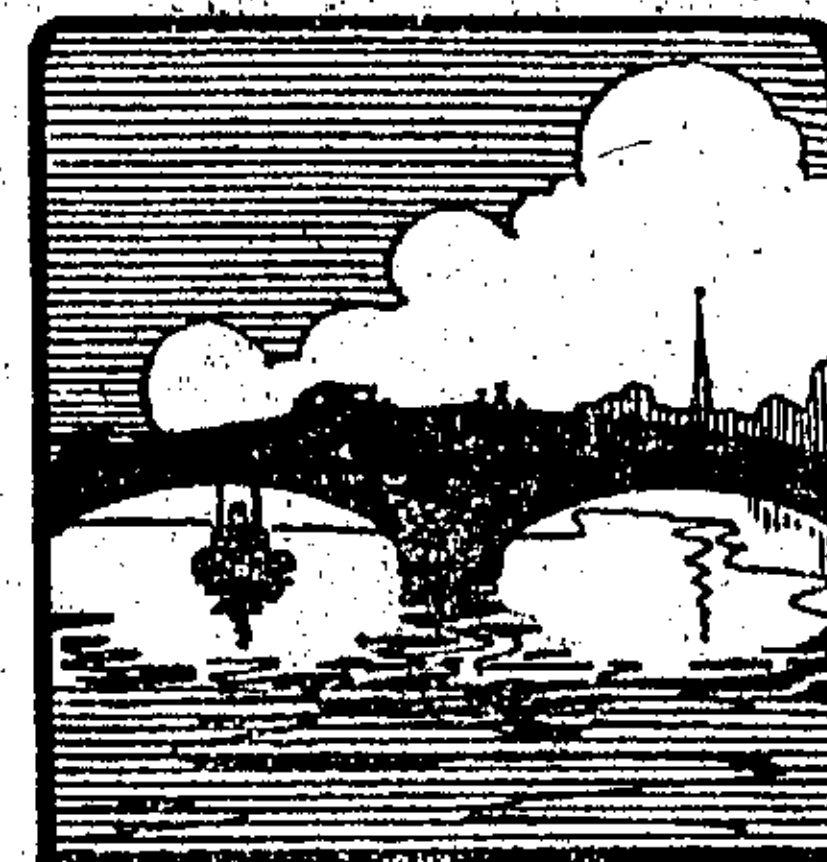
Contrary to expectations, Paddy Andrews from Dublin did not sing "The Wearing of the Green" or "St. Patrick's Day," but actually a song of Devon. Still, that did not affect its popularity one whit. Then Mr. W. A. Hannibal, the racy raconteur, delivered some smoking hot gags. Tommy himself doesn't know nearly as many gags as Mr. Hannibal.

Perhaps the band of the 1st Batta. The Queen's Royal Regiment can do very well without the honeyed words accorded to lesser lights; suffice it to say that it played with the usual success. It played the curtain up, and some four and a half hours later played it down again.

Mr. Harry Ora is a familiar figure, and the reception he always gets is a convincing proof that Tommy does not need to be educated up to highbrow standards; he already knows good music when he hears it! With pleasing consideration for the tastes of a vast proportion of the audience, Miss Lorna Tolan put on a Hielan' fling; and despite the heat, she flung very well indeed and to very good effect. Then came a novelty—a real ballet composed of 16 charming girls of all sizes, attired as fairies or dainty sylphs. The pupils of Miss Daisy O'Keefe brought the right atmosphere onto the stage—the Pavlova touch! They made a hit. Mrs. G. E. Aubrey charmed the lads with her violin quite as much as they had been charmed by anything else on the programme. Mrs. Richard Ganger and Mr. John Bragg obliged with a song and violin obligato that invoked the customary thunder, and Mr. G. D'Aquino appeared to sing all by himself—and very well too.

Mr. G. W. C. Burnett assisted by Mrs. C. P. James passed away some delightful moments, then came Messrs. Greenbank, Miles, Ives and Dias. They were quite as popular as the Happiness Boys. The jazz atmosphere was introduced by Misses Betty Pestonji and Dorothy Tolan with their jazz dance. The accompanists heard, seen but hardly in the limelight as much as they deserved—were Mrs. R. Pestonji, Mrs. F. Austin, Mrs. H. Woods, Signora de Guman and Miss C. Bragg. Still, they were not overlooked.

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TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL.

THE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

The Meteorological Observations made at the Royal Observatory during the month of June show that the average mean temperature was 81.6 (compared with 75.6 degrees in May, 87.5 in April, 60.1 in March and 68.5 in February).

The highest reading was 91.3 on the 26th, and the lowest 73.8 on the 9th. There were two days on which the temperature was over 90 degrees, and only on five days did the maximum temperature drop below 80 degrees.

There were 191.0 hours of sunshine (compared with 177.8 hours in May, 105.9 hours in April, 65.7 hours in March, 43.4 hours in February, and 137.5 hours in January).

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RIVER LEVELS.

KWANGTUNG CONSERVANCY BULLETIN

West River at Shuibing: July 15th, 20ft. 2ins.; July 16th, falling; highest level on record 41 feet; lowest on record 6in.
North River at Tientsin: July 15th, 8ft. 3ins.; July 16th, falling; highest level on record 24ft. 7ins.; lowest 6in.
North River at Samahai: July 15th, 12ft. 3ins.; July 16th, 11ft. 3ins.; highest level on record 27ft. 2ins.; lowest 5ft.
East River at Shikung: July 15th, 6ft. 2ins.; July 16th, 6ft. 1in.; highest 15ft. 2ins.; lowest 3ft.

The rainfall for the month of June at the Botanical Gardens was 13.89 ins. on 23 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett, it was 6.32 ins. on 19 days, and at the Police Station, Taiipo, it was 9.64 ins. on 13 days.
The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.612 ins. at 1.15h. on the 27th.
The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 47 miles per hour at 1.15h. on the 20th.

GOVERNMENT ON QUI VIVE.**HANKOW PLANS DISCOVERED.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In view of Hankow's determined effort to recapture the control of Canton, the pro-Nanking faction of the Kuomintang has appointed Generals Chang Kuo Yuan and Chen Ko Yu—field-commanders of the eighth department with headquarters in Canton. General Li Tsai Hsin will remain nominally commander of the 8th department. The "Reds" continue active in the Northern part of Kwangtung and the plans of two Hankow Generals Ching Chien and Chen Chia Yu for an attack on Canton have fallen into the hands of the administration of the city. The authorities are thoroughly on their guard, and the police are keeping a watchful eye on newcomers, all the hotels being under special surveillance.

Another well-known Cantonese to join Nanking is Dr. Wang Chung Hui, and he has been made Minister of Justice under the Chiang Kai Shek regime. Dr. Wang, who was an old Hong Kong boy, has studied in America, England, and Germany, and is a judge of the World Court at Geneva. He has also held office at Peking.

The late Mr. Loo Lim Ioc, a wealthy Chinese resident of Macao who died there last Friday, helped the popular cause in Canton—a good deal, but in a very unobtrusive manner. The efforts to drive mercenary troops in Canton back to Yunnan and Kwangsi, in 1920 and again in 1925, received his financial support. The late Mr. Loo has several brothers serving with the Cantonese army and in the Nationalist Government, including Mr. Loo Hing Yuan, A.M., LL.B., who was for many years Attorney-General in Canton and is now Chief Justice of the Shanghai Provisional Court. When the Chinese Boy Scout Movement was started in Macao, he contributed liberally and threw open his father's famous garden to the Portuguese Colony for the use of the boys, and his own sons formed a patrol. He took a large share in the founding of the International Race and Sports Club, of which he was first chairman.

THE MURDER ON SHAMEEN.

A Shameen correspondent writes: It was learned on Wednesday morning that a murder had been committed on Shameen. The victim was a wash-amah employed at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The unfortunate woman was of Indian parentage and was married to an Indian also employed by the Company on Shameen.

It appears that her assailant, who is still at large, attacked the woman with a knife at about 4.30 in the morning when she was sleeping. He inflicted some terrible injuries but the woman struggled from her bed and called for help. Her husband who was in a room near by rushed to her assistance but she collapsed a few minutes afterwards. She was taken immediately to the Nursing Home but died two hours later.

PICKETS ACTIVE.**UNPLEASANT INCIDENT AT CANTON WHARF.****SPECIAL ARMED POLICE SUMMONED.**

A Shameen correspondent writes: There was trouble at the wharf on Friday afternoon when the *Kinsan* arrived. There were some Chinese and European passengers on board and the former, when they passed through the wharf gates, were seriously assaulted by Chinese pickets. Some Chinese women were roughly handled. Other Chinese, passengers of the better class, seeing what was happening, became frightened and would not leave the ship. There were a number of Chinese police on duty in the neighbourhood but

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THE C.N.C. STRIKE.**NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.**

The authorities concerned are still very reticent as regards the C.N.C. strike situation, but as far as can be gathered there has been no development of note.

The *Shantung*, which arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday last from Shanghai with a scratch crew, has now left for Shanghai with a full cargo.

It is understood that the local branch of the Guild has been discussing what steps will be taken in the event of the hoisting of typhoon signals, and the majority of officers are understood to be in favour of returning to the ships in the event of danger threatening. It is believed that the officers will go back in this event.

According to the *Singapore Free Press* of last Saturday (July 9th) there are still three vessels of the China Navigation Company held up in Singapore, namely the *Kimchow*, the *Anking* and the *Antung*.

Crews of the vessels have been working cargo, but following instructions, have not left port.

THE SHANGHAI POSITION.

SHANGHAI, July 12th.

There is still no manifestation of any desire on the part of the Shanghai officials of the China Navigation Company nor of the officers who have gone on strike to come to terms over the points in dispute, and every day strengthens the belief that the strike may develop into a bitter fight with considerable loss to both sides, says last Tuesday's *Shanghai Times*. Far from wavering in their determination to enforce their demands on the Company, the men would appear to have become even more united in their attitude and at a meeting held on Monday evening at which 121 officers were present, the whole situation was discussed and a certain set course of action agreed upon.

By means of scratch crews consisting of several officers who declined to participate in the strike the Company were able to get three of their vessels away from Shanghai but the remainder of the fleet is still idle.

Strike Still Young.

Spoken to yesterday, an official of the Company said that no attempts had been made to get any more ships away for the present but it was hoped that additional vessels would resume their service at no distant date. No explanation was given as to how these vessels would be sent to sea nor when they would leave. "The strike is still young, as yet," said this official, "and anything may happen in the meantime."

either they could not, or they would not, give any protection to the people being ill-treated.

The Captain of the vessel reported the matter to the British Consul-General and the Purser sent a message to the Police Station. Fortunately, the Police Authorities took prompt action. They sent a squad of armed men to the wharf and under their guard the remaining Chinese passengers were enabled to leave the ship unmolested.

THE STEAMSHIP BOYCOTT.**PASSENGER TRAFFIC POSITION THE SAME.**

There is little to report about the boycott of Chinese passenger traffic on the British steamers on the Canton-Hong Kong run. Saturday's return of passengers was negligible, and last night the *Tai-shan* brought down 30, of whom twenty were coolies working cargo (poultry, fish, etc.), while of seven Chinese shipped as passengers, two were travelling on free tickets, two were adults and three were children.

Enquiries elicit the fact that the picketing continues quietly, and that there has been no wharf incident since that reported in connection with the *Kinsan* on Friday. Passengers going up on the steamers show signs of improving in numbers.

ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT.**DRASTIC APPLICATION IN SHANGHAI.****CONTROLLING THE GODOWNS.**

The anti-Japanese agitation in Canton has so far reacted against the Chinese themselves. According to the latest decision of the anti-Japanese Boycott Committee, all goods in Canton godowns will come under that Committee's control, and no Japanese goods may be withdrawn from the godowns without their permission. The self-appointed officers of the Committee are entrusting themselves with the lucrative job of collecting fees for the issue of permits. As every permit will have to bear a Kuomintang revenue stamp, the Administration will share a part of the profit from these "patriotic" and profitable operations.

RESTRICTIONS ON SELLING FOODSTUFFS.

The anti-Japanese boycott is spreading locally, despite all the efforts of the authorities to suppress anti-Japanese agitation and the distribution of anti-Japanese propaganda, says the *Shanghai Times* of last Tuesday. Latest reports show that not content with boycotting goods such as wearing apparel and other manufactured articles, the boycotters are even directing their energies against food-stuffs found selling food-stuffs to Japanese customers.

Rice-shop dealers, fish vendors and even charcoal dealers are being warned against selling to Japanese and instances have been noted where Chinese shop proprietors found selling these commodities have been punished by the agents of the boycott league.

In one case a Chinese shopkeeper in Hongkong who was found to have sold food to several of his regular Japanese customers was warned against doing so in future and threatened with severe punishment in the event of his doing so. So greatly did he fear for the safety of his business and himself that it is said his own Japanese customers intervened in his behalf.

Meeting continue to be held daily by the committee in charge of the boycott and preparations are afoot to circulate all Chinese shopkeepers in and out of the Settlement with the idea of adopting new measures to enforce the boycott.

NO JAPANESE FOOD.

The *North-China Daily News* of Wednesday also gathers from the Shanghai native press that the Nanking Road Anti-Japanese Boycott Union and the Association for the Severance of Diplomatic Relations with Japan have addressed letters to the different Chinese restaurants, urging them not to use Japanese foodstuffs. "Everybody else has joined the anti-Japanese boycott movement," the writers say, "but the restaurants are still behind, so we hope that you, too, will join. Should any 'cold-blooded' customers come and demand from you 'inferior' dishes, it is your duty to remind them of the sufferings which China has sustained at the hands of Japan and to urge them not to eat any more such dishes."

Local organizations have sent a petition to the Nanking Nationalist Government saying that the boycott movement is now in full progress and every assistance is required from the government in order to make it a success. One of the methods of making the boycott a success is for the government to issue an order demanding that all Chinese, whether they be in official positions or otherwise, should use Chinese-made products, silks, cloths, etc., instead of Japanese goods, as has hitherto been the case.

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HONOUR FOR MR. H. S. KAVARANA.**PRESENTATION BY INDIAN MERCHANTS.**

An interesting little ceremony took place in Canton on Wednesday last when the members of the Indian merchants' community gathered together to show their respect and esteem for Mr. H. S. Kavarana, who has been a resident of Shamcen for many years and has a wide circle of friends both among the Chinese and foreigners in Canton.

Mr. Kavarana has been always active in work on behalf of his fellow countrymen and, in one way and another, has done a great deal to advance their interests. In any charitable enterprise which it was desired to promote he would be the first one consulted and his assistance has always been given without stint to any worthy cause.

The Indian merchants acknowledged their debt in a practical way on Wednesday by presenting him with a massive silver cup suitably inscribed. It was a gift designed not only to express their appreciation of work done, but also to demonstrate their friendly feeling and regard for one of their number whom they wished to honour.

OLD-TIME PUNISHMENT**REVIVED.****BOYCOTT OFFENDER CAGED.**

A Chinese arrested for delivering Japanese manufactured goods to a Chinese firm on Monday last week was ordered to be confined in one of the wooden cages erected in Chinese territory for the imprisonment of Chinese caught dealing in Japanese goods, in violation of the orders of the Federation in charge of the Anti-Japanese Boycott organization.

The Chinese, according to a vernacular paper, was arrested while in the act of delivering two cases of Japanese-manufactured buttons to a Chinese firm. The man was taken into custody upon orders of the local Kuomintang Party, it was stated.

At 10 a.m. on Monday a meeting was conducted in the We Siccawei School by representatives of various public bodies, at which it was decided to incarcerate the Chinese in one of the wooden cages and to impose a fine on the Chinese firm ordering the goods. Zing Feng Ming and four other Chinese were appointed to carry out the orders.

The firm in question is the King Yu Kee Military Uniform Store in Siccawei. The buttons are said to have been purchased from the Wu Chang Zong Hong. The Chinese delivering the merchandise is named Zing Keng Fu. The goods were ordered confiscated and sold and the proceeds donated to the military fund of the anti-Northern expedition.

The anti-Japanese boycott continued in Shanghai, the latest move on the part of those in charge being a circular sent to various public bodies asking them to send two representatives to a meeting held at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on Monday for the purpose of discussing measures to be taken for strengthening the severance of economic relations with Japan.

A circular was also sent to Chinese bankers asking them not to transmit money between Chinese and Japanese firms and individuals. The circular to the bankers says: "This will not only be beneficial to our country, but will tend to secure our opponents and to cause their deaths."

In a letter to the Chief of the Woosung-Shanghai Constabulary, the Committee in charge of the anti-Japanese boycott movement points out that seven wooden cages have been erected in conspicuous places in Chinese territory and requests the constabulary to protect them from damage from bad characters.—*Shanghai Times*.

THE SURTAXES.**CHIANG KAI SHEK'S EXPECTATIONS.****FIVE MILLIONS A MONTH FROM SHANGHAI ALONE.****NATIONALISTS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS TREATIES.**

(Asiatic News Service.)

PEKING, July 2nd.

Despatches from Nanking and Shanghai state that Dr. C. C. Wu has instructed Mr. Kuo Tai Chi, Foreign Commissioner of Shanghai, to notify the Consuls of the enforcement of the new surtaxes from July 1st without discrimination, that is to say, all foreign importers must pay the surtaxes prior to the delivery of their goods and that those who refuse to obey will be fined in accordance with regulations sanctioned by the political committee of the Nanking Government without mercy.

In the despatch, the Nanking leaders declared that the action of the Nationalist administration will not be restricted by the stipulations of Sino-foreign treaties of commerce whose abolition has already been formally announced by the Southern Government on the ground of their absolute insuitability for meeting requirements in China to the disadvantage of both foreigners and natives.

Nationalists "Pressed For Funds."

(Asiatic News Agency.)

SHANGHAI, June 30th.

In the official declaration regarding the surtaxes Dr. C. C. Wu, Foreign Minister of Nanking régime, says that the nationalists are pressed for funds and that the Foreign Powers, who still recognize the Northern administration, can send their protests to the Waichiaoou. In nationalist circles, this step is lauded on the ground that it will force the foreign governments, especially England, Japan and America, to recognize the Nanking Government by opening parleys with the South. Nanking orders that unless they pay these new duties at the Chinese Customs, foreign firms will not be allowed to take away their goods from the godowns. It is reported that British and Japanese, who have signed contracts with the Chinese business houses will suffer most. The members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting this morning and petitioned the Nanking authorities through Mr. Kuo Tai Chi, requesting the removal of the new impositions which, the petitioners claim, are a flagrant violation of treaties with Foreign Powers. But Mr. Kuo retorts that as the nationalists do not recognize the existing treaties, which are quite obsolete and useless now, the nationalists are going to abolish *likin* and impose further duties in the not distant future.

"Regardless of Foreign Protest."

(Asiatic News Agency.)

SHANGHAI, July 22nd.

The Nanking and Chekiang Customs have been ordered by the Nationalist Government to collect the various new surtaxes from the 4th inst. regardless of foreign protest and it is estimated that Chiang Kai Shek can get \$5,000,000 monthly from Shanghai alone after actual enforcement by the authorities. The regulations for the flotation of a domestic loan of \$80,000,000 on the security of these new surtaxes have been promulgated by the Chiang Kai Shek Government at Nanking and all financial firms have been advised to buy the bonds in accordance with the rules. The embargo against the Sino-American newspaper, *Sinwenpo*, the second largest Chinese journal in Shanghai, will be lifted by Chiang Kai Shek provided it purchase \$100,000 worth of bonds this time. The paper was ordered to buy \$50,000 bonds last time; but it refused.

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LOUIE WAI SUN,
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LOUIE IEUNG,
Treasurer.
LAM MING PAN,
Secretary.
L. G. CHONG,
Manager.

No Contracts can be recognized by this Company unless signed by at least Two of its Directors.
All Communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
LAM MING PAN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, July 14th, 1927. [5127]

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of TWO DOLLARS Per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1927, will be payable on THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th, on which Date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, 3, Chater Road.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 22nd JULY to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd AUGUST (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th July, 1927. [5132]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 23 CENTS Per Share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th JUNE, 1927, at Rate of 2 1/2 CENTS Per Dollar.
The Dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY, the 8th AUGUST, 1927, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 25th JULY, to SATURDAY, the 6th AUGUST, 1927 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th July, 1927. [5118]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 5/NS 2895 dated Hong Kong, 14th October, 1913, for 5 Shares numbered 14623/14627, inclusive, and Certificate No. 5/NS 2896 dated Hong Kong, 14th October, 1913, for 5 Shares numbered 62432 and 33736/33739 inclusive, all registered in the Name of LI SING KON, have been LOST or STOLEN, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 28th JULY, 1927, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. 5/NS 2895 and 5/NS 2896 will be thereupon treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
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Hong Kong, 26th June, 1927. [5085]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th JULY to 2nd AUGUST, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

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MARRIAGE.

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DEATHS.

CHOLMONDELEY.—On July 12th, at Shanghai, RUPERT W. CHOLMONDELEY, Chinese Maritime Customs, aged 25 years.

DAMSGAARD.—On July 11th, at Shanghai, CARROLL DAMSGAARD, aged 17 months.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. ALI MOOSDEEN wishes to express her thanks for the many expressions of sympathy from friends in her recent bereavement and for the many floral tributes.

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HONG KONG, JULY 18th, 1927.

A WARNING TO EXPORTERS.

HONG KONG is so largely concerned in the trade in rice, one of the world's grain staples, that a fully authenticated narrative which has reached us from Canada, although it relates to wheat and not to rice, will be of interest to our mercantile community.

Some time ago a series of complaints gave rise to suspicion in the Canadian Government trade bureau that the quality of exports of best Canadian wheat was not being maintained. In order to

provide safeguards for the principal industry of the country, the Canadian Government has organized a thorough system of inspection of all wheat intended for export. A check at Canadian ports failed to locate any fault, and it was decided to send an inspector to the principal ports of discharge, London, Liverpool, Manchester and Hamburg. On the day the Canadian inspector arrived at one of these ports there were three U. S. A. steamers discharging wheat. The port authorities readily gave permission to the accredited representative of Canada to take samples from the out-turn of each steamer.

The mystery was at once solved. Years of experience in handling wheat enabled the Inspector to say at a glance that, in the samples taken, 25 per cent only was best Canadian wheat and 75 per cent was made up partly of wheat from South Nebraska and partly of wheat from North Dakota, States in the United States of America. "What did it matter?" the layman might enquire; "it was all wheat." True, but best Canadian wheat is higher in both price and quality than the particular U. S. A. wheat with which it had been blended or adulterated.

Canada took prompt action to preserve the fair name of her principal export and its producers and exporters. Notice was despatched forthwith to the Department of Commerce in Washington to terminate immediately the arrangement whereby Canadian wheat for export by United States exporters passes in bond through the U. S. A., unless an undertaking was given by the United States that certain exporters would be prosecuted and that a Canadian judge would be permitted to sit on the Bench to watch the proceedings on behalf of the Canadian Government. The names of the exporters had been obtained by the inspector from the documents connected with the shipments at the ports of discharge.

Relations of the friendliest character have long existed between the Departments of Commerce in the two countries, and the United States was prompt in complying with Canada's request and in helping her to obtain redress. Four American firms who were prosecuted and convicted for having carried out this illegal blending of wheat, which they sold as best Canadian were each fined twenty-five thousand gold dollars, a penalty which proved to have excellent deterrent effects.

Far be it from us to suggest that anything of this kind could take place in Hong Kong, with regard to rice, for, as is well known, rice is exported from here after examination by surveyors appointed by the General Chamber of Commerce and on a certificate of quality signed by the Chamber. Nevertheless it is common knowledge that Chinese dealers, who are the first suppliers of most commodities exported by foreign firms, have thrown away what used to be thriving export trades by their inveterate habit of adulteration and reduction of standards of quality, set up in the hope of securing to the buyer the goods he asks for. "Bristles" and "feathers" are well-known instances of these "ruined industries."

The price of safety for the foreign exporter is eternal vigilance where the Chinese dealer is concerned. Sometimes, it must be confessed, amongst foreign firms is a direct incentive to adulteration by dealers. Publicity has deterrent effects and we therefore feel we perform one of the most useful functions of a newspaper in helping to give further publicity to the foregoing Canadian story, which was gleaned from an official Canadian source.

One British case of enteric was reported from Kowloon on Friday.

A tender for repairs to Steam-launch No. 6 Police, is requested in the Government Gazette.

Among passengers leaving for Home on the s.s. *Hakozaki Maru* on Saturday was Mr. D. W. Western, of the Hong Kong Electric Company.

Last night's thunderstorm and downpour of rain coincided to the very day with the 20 inch rain storm of last year, the effects of which are still being repaired.

An Order-in-Council relating to extradition between Britain and Lithuania is published in Saturday's Government Gazette. The terms of the Order cover six pages.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. Robert Baker to act as Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, in addition to his other duties with effect from 7th July, 1927, and until further notice.

During the early hours of Saturday morning some person or persons broke into the Kwong Man Hing knitting factory of Pei Ho Street, Shamshuipo and stole three machines valued at \$340.

A Chinese was on Saturday sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy, for stealing a pair of shoes from a man who was sleeping out at the Praya and using the shoes as pillow.

The marriage of Lieut. Colonel Edward Danglefield, R.N., and Miss Elma Birkett was announced to take place at St. Mark's, North Audley St., London, W., on Saturday last. After the ceremony there was to be a reception at the St. James' Palace Hotel, Bury St., by Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Clarke, uncle and aunt of the bride.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Servant Girls, *Mutsei*, a Chinese organization in Hong Kong founded before the abolition of this system, voluntarily wound up its affairs last week, and the cash in hand, \$478.07, was ordered

by the retiring committee to be put to the use of the Po Leung Kuk, for the benefit of women. The *Anti-Mutsei* Society, an organization to which the late Mr. Cartwright of the *Hong Kong Daily Press* gave considerable support, is still in existence.

A special executive committee has been appointed to supervise the construction of the Tung Wah Hospital Extension at Sookunpoo. It consists of the leading members of the General Committee of the Tung Wah and the Kwong Wah Hospitals including Mr. Li Hoi Tung, chairman of Tung Wah, and Mr. Ngan Shing Kwan, chairman of Kwong Wah, Mr. Li and Mr. Ngan are successful young business men well known among the Chinese community and ex-pupils of local schools. Mr. Li was at St. Stephen's, and Mr. Ngan, at Queen's College.

A notification issued to Peak residents on Saturday stated that owing to the very large increase in water consumption during the present hot weather, great difficulty is being experienced in sustaining sufficient pressure in the mains to provide supplies to the higher houses. Householders have therefore been asked to eliminate waste as far as possible, and to impress upon their servants the need for economy, particularly in garden watering. This appears to be due to the fact that the engine at No. 3 Pumping Station, Pokfulam, which was smashed by the crashing of a huge boulder on to it during the great storm of July last year is not yet in full operation. The No. 3 pump is the largest of the three to supply water to the Peak, and the higher levels, and if out of action it means that the only other source of supply is from Mount Gough and the Peak reservoirs, and storage tank. It is interesting to note that the reservoir at Tytam Tuk is overflowing, or was so on Saturday.

The driver of a Sanitary Department lorry has reported to the Police that whilst driving his vehicle in Li Tung Street, the left mud guard struck a Chinese on the leg. He was taken to Hospital.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Staff-Sergeant Andrew Brown, of the Indian Army Service Corps, residing at No. 28, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon, to Miss Daisy May Bower, shop assistant, residing at No. 11a, Kennedy Road.

Slight injuries were sustained by a Chinese girl in Queen's Road, East on Friday being knocked down by a motor cycle combination driven by Mr. C. Greenwood, the Police Armourer. The girl's parents refused to send her to hospital.

It is notified in the Gazette that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council for a period of five years, with effect from 4th April, 1927.

A Chinese woman who jumped into the harbour near the Kowloon Ferry on Friday, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Kwong Fat, coxswain of a motor boat which was moored near the wharf, effected the woman's rescue. It was thought to be a case of attempted suicide.

In addition to a very fine picture programme at the Queen's Theatre which is referred to in our Cinema Notes, there is the added attraction of another Service band. Last week the Northampton band gave selections, and this week the string band of H.M.S. *Vindictive* is appearing, a contrast to a brass band of last week.

Karin Din, a private watchman, residing in a house under construction near the Shauiwan tram terminus has reported to the Police that on Thursday last three men entered his room, and after binding and gagging him they took him outside. They then stole from the room a jacket and \$45 in money. One of the men was armed with a razor. The men have since been arrested.

The Italian Consul-General in Hong Kong informs us that H.M. the King of Italy, at the town of Bologna and in the Chapel erected to the fallen Fascists, laid down on May 29th a crown with laurels and lighted a Votive lamp to burn perpetually in memoriam of the Black Shirts. This Royal gesture should definitely silence any insinuation about disagreements between the Monarchy and the Fascism.

CHINESE COMMANDER'S WILL.

A SUBORDINATE OF GENERAL CHAN KWING MING.

PROBATE GRANTED TO WIDOW.

Probate of the will of Luk (or Look) Hok Man, who was formerly a Brigade Commander of General Chan Kwing Ming, has been granted to his widow, who resides No. 6, South Building, Mongkok, Yau-mat.

The deceased officer was killed in action at Shuk Chan, Anhui province, on May 25th, this year, and in the deposition of the will is included a declaration by General Chan Kwing Ming stating that the officer in question fell in action. General Chan Kwing Ming's seal is affixed to this document.

Deceased left property in Hong Kong to the value of \$17,500, and he leaves the estate to his wife, Sing Mo Leung, to administer until his son, Ip Choi has attained the age of 21 years. On that date his widow as to stand over 70 per cent of the estate to the son, and retain 30 per cent for herself.

In his will, deceased declares: "As I am now in military service, indeed it is difficult to anticipate as far as life or death is concerned."

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. E. A. MOOSDEEN.

PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Emam Ali Moosdeen, at his residence, 38, Russell Street, early on Sunday morning.

The late Mr. Moosdeen was a prominent member of the Indian community of the Colony, and was respected by all who knew him. He was born in Hong Kong and received his education at Queen's College. Leaving school at the age of 17, he joined the Government Treasury Office, being later transferred to the Audit Department. After several years of faithful service with the Government, the late Mr. Moosdeen joined the well-known Swedish firm of Thoresen & Co. as accountant. He was compelled to cease work about a year ago on account of illness.

The late Mr. Moosdeen was a very keen sportsman. He had figured prominently in first division football, cricket and tennis games. He was a member of the Craighower Cricket Club, the Indian Recreation Club and the Theosophical Society. As a mark of respect, the flags of these institutions were half masted throughout yesterday.

The deceased who was only 33 years old, had been in failing health for the past two years. He leaves a widow and a mother for whom, the deepest sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place at the Mahomedan Cemetery, at Happy Valley, yesterday. There were a large number of friends and relatives present. Floral tributes were sent by the following:—Mr. Chas. L. Clarke, Mr. K. H. Chun, Mr. Ma Choy Suk Chin, Mr. H. E. Lanepart, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sverre Berg (Consul for Norway), Mr. and Mrs. Spenas, Mr. and Mrs. Fr. Murer, Thoresen & Co., St. Joseph's College, Bro. and Sister M. Manuk, Bro. Wei Tat and Members of the Chinese Lodge of the Theosophical Society, The Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society.

MR. T. M. PEREIRA.

The death took place at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday afternoon of Mr. Thome Manuel Pereira, late of the Naval Yard. Deceased, who was well-known among the Portuguese community, had also many friends in Shanghai and Macao, who will learn of his passing away with much regret.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery last evening, being attended by many friends, and a large number of floral tributes were sent.

MRS. LIGORES.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery on Saturday of Mrs. Maria Theresza Ligores, who died at her residence on Saturday.

MR. H. A. C. AMERY.

The death has taken place at Chetoo of Mr. H. A. C. Amery, an old resident of the port who was connected with the United States Consulate, and later with Messrs. Cornhill, Eklford & Co., for the past 20 years.

FORMER BRITISH OFFICIAL IN SIAM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, July 16th.
The death is announced of Sir Thomas Harold Lyle, who retired, in 1894, from the British Consular Service in Siam. He was Consul-General at Bangkok with local rank of First Secretary of the Legation. Sir Thomas was born in 1873.

NORTH AND SOUTH CONSIDERING AN ARMISTICE.

PROPOSAL MADE BY THE SOUTH.

NORTHERNERS WOULD WELCOME A TRUCE ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

MRS. BORODIN'S RELEASE CAUSES A FLUTTER AMONG PEKING AUTHORITIES.

An armistice, proposed by the South and evidently favourably considered by the North to whom it was made, is the most important development of China's civil strife.

Obviously the South finds the close proximity of the Hankow troops to Nanking together with their own undertakings north of the Yellow River as somewhat too much at the present juncture.

The North, still longing for Shansi's Governor to act as mediator between the North and South, is of course in no way averse from inclining to a cessation of hostilities.

The probability is that shortly there will be a stoppage to the fighting in Shantung and perhaps joint action of Southerners and Fengtienese against the "Red" menace of Hankow.

SOUTH PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, July 16th.

General Chang Tsung Chang is reported to have telegraphed to the Premier Pan Fu, to the effect that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has sent an emissary to Tsingtau to discuss the possibility of an armistice, with a view to saving "face," Chiang Kai Shek proposing to attack Hankow, and being anxious to have the co-operation of those who are also desirous of suppressing the Communists.

Chang Tsung Chang requests the Government's views on the matter.

Arranged.

LATER.

It is stated in Chinese circles that an armistice between Chiang Kai Shek and Chang Tsung Chang has been arranged.

Fengtien Leaders and the

Proposals.

SHANGHAI, July 17th.

Chiang Kai Shek's armistice proposals were discussed at a conference of Fengtien leaders yesterday night. It is believed that a reply will be sent to-day indicating the terms on which a truce will be acceptable.

The withdrawal of the Southerners from Shantung and joint action against extremists is likely to be the chief stipulations made.

(Huh Tsz Yat Pao.)

Northerners and a Mediator.

SHANGHAI, July 17th.

On the 16th inst. the Peking Cabinet met to discuss matters in connection with the future policy to be adopted to deal with the Southerners. General Yang Yu Ting insisted upon requesting General Yen Shih Shan to take up the role of mediator.

On the following day the Cabinet met to discuss the question of Mrs. Borodin's release.

The action of Mr. Shin Cha Yi, Chief Prosecutor, was unlawful as he had not the Government's consent.

Mr. Shin was dismissed and Mr. Chia Chun appointed to take his place.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Borodin's Movements.

HANKOW, July 16th.

Borodin is reported to have left Hankow on Thursday last in the German steamer *Dekle Rickmers*, chartered by the Asiatic Trading Corporation.

Communist Headquarters at Wu-chang were raided on Thursday and a number of people arrested. Martial law has been proclaimed in Hankow native city.

Wuhan is definitely holding the river as far as Anking, which is becoming the concentration point for higher officials for an advance against Wuhan.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Leaving China.

SHANGHAI, July 16th.

A Hankow telegram, dated July 15th, states that Borodin left in a launch this morning. Chinese officials are emphatic that he is leaving China, but refuse to disclose the route for fear of his safety.

(Continued on next column.)

DALBANK PREMISES IN SHANGHAI.

RAIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL POLICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, July 16th.

A special branch of the Shanghai Municipal Police raided the Dalbank, which is reputed to be the Soviet fiscal agents in China, this morning.

Books and masses of documents are being overhauled.

Chinese Search Warrant.

The Municipal Police raided the Dalbank in response to a request of the mayor (of "Greater Shanghai") General Yang Hu, who suspected that certain communists were hiding therein.

The raid was carried out by virtue of a search warrant issued by the Chinese Provisional Court.

Documents Copied.

This afternoon the bank was sealed up by order of the Shanghai Provisional Court, apparently at the instance of the Chinese authorities. No responsibility for this act rests with the Settlement Municipal Council.

No arrests were made and no papers were seized during the raid, but certain documents were copied.

TIENTSIN TRAMS.

CHINESE ANNOUNCEMENT.

COMPANY TO BE TAKEN OVER.

(Asiatic News Agency.)

TIENTSIN, July 1st.

Under instructions from General Chu Yu Pu, Tupan of Chihli, the Financial Department of the Tientsin administration has notified the Belgian Directors of the Tientsin Electric Tramway Company, of alleged irregularities in the Company and stating that under Article 20 of the original agreement, the Chinese authorities are going to assume control of the Company by the payment of the original cost of construction.

General Chu, says the *Yishihpao*, will take over the administration of the Franco-Belgian Tramway by force in case the Company refuses to accede to the demand of the Chinese authorities. There was a meeting of the Belgian Directors of the Company with the Chinese officials on Thursday, but it was resultless. The relations between the Company and the Chinese officials are not very cordial.

ENGLAND'S STORMY WEATHER.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, July 16th.

A week of violent thunderstorms and exceptionally heavy rains culminated yesterday in a torrential downpour in the north and elsewhere.

Many villages were flooded and the railway track near Leek was submerged.

Roads were torn up and towns and houses flooded.

In the Lake District much damage was also done to crops and property and, in Manchester, floods caused the roadway overlooking the race-course to collapse, a large portion of it falling fully fifty feet.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM OVER NEW YORK.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, July 17th.

Three persons were killed by lightning during a very destructive storm here yesterday night.

MRS. BORODIN'S RELEASE.

\$200,000 ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PAID JUDGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, July 16th.

It is alleged that the Judge received \$200,000 from Russian sources for the release of Mrs. Borodin unconditionally instead of being let out on bail.

The Judge disappeared from Peking immediately after the release.

The Chief Justice has been released and dismissed.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

NATIVES AND SOLDIERS ARRESTED.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BANDONG, JAVA, July 16th.

Nine natives, said to be members of an organisation for spreading Communist propaganda in the army, were arrested on the 15th instant.

A score of soldiers were also arrested on a similar charge.

THE MILLION DOLLAR LIBEL SUIT.

HENRY FORD'S NEWSPAPER AND JEWS.

ACTION SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, July 16th.

The million dollar libel suit, raised by Mr. Aaron Sapiro, the well-known Chicago lawyer against Mr. Henry Ford in connection with alleged anti-Jewish articles in Mr. Ford's paper—the *Dearborn Independent*—has been settled out of court.

The terms include retraction of all personal charges against Sapiro but no money payment.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

TOUR FOR U.S. JOURNALISTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, July 17th.

Twenty-five news editors from various cities of the United States have sailed in the *Minnetonka* on a tour of Europe as guests of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

BRITISH CARGO VESSEL SINKS.

TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS OF CREW DROWNED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, July 17th.

Seven European and 14 Indian members of the crew of the British cargo steamer *Shahzade* have been drowned by the sinking of the vessel in the Bay of Bengal on the 14th inst.

Fifty-one survivors have arrived at Calcutta aboard the *Clintonia*.

It appears that the vessel was bound for Burma with a cargo of coal, and sank so rapidly that there was no time to launch life boats.

Five boats broke away from the sinking vessel, and the survivors swam to them.

The cause of the disaster will be inquired into.

U.S. TORNADO.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

KANSAS CITY, July 17th.

It is estimated that 6 were killed and 100 injured and a score of homes demolished as the result of a tornado.

SOCIALIST RIOTS IN VIENNA.

TERRIBLE SCENES IN AUSTRIA'S CAPITAL.

GOVERNMENT NOW HAVE SITUATION IN HAND.

STREET-FIGHTING: MANY KILLED AND INJURED.

Scenes of violence prevailed generally in Vienna on Friday evening and continued for a considerable time until the authorities obtained control. Many persons were killed and wounded and much damage was done to property.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VIENNA, July 16th.

A turbulent demonstration of Socialists was held outside the law courts and Parliament house, as a sequel to the acquittal of the brothers Pinter, belonging to a Nationalist organisation, who were charged with killing two Socialists.

The windows of the law courts were smashed by a shower of stones, and the mob eventually forced the iron gates and entered the building, and seized documents which they burned in the streets.

Thirty persons were injured. The police were helpless.

Police and Mob.

LATER.

The wildest disturbances continue. There have been bloody collisions between the police and the mob, the former using their revolvers and swords, and the latter erecting barricades whence they stoned the police.

Parliament has suspended its sitting.

Newspaper Offices Raided.

The rioting has also now been followed by a cessation of work in the factories and on the tramways. Newspaper offices and the police station have been set on fire.

Several people were killed and many injured in the riots. The crowd attacked the premises of the newspapers *Reichspost* and *Neue Wiener Nachrichten*, as well as the law courts.

Unarmed detachments of Socialist organisations seemed unable to re-establish order, rifles were seized out of the police, who were obliged to fire to clear out the rioters from the law courts.

The firing continued all the afternoon. Firemen are fighting fires which have been started by the rioters.

The authorities have issued a proclamation prohibiting public meetings or demonstrations against the authorities.

A Menace to the City.

BERLIN, July 16th. The riots in Vienna warrant the fear that the city is experiencing the most menacing outbreak in her history. The trouble is due to the acquittal of three Nationalists charged with killing a disabled serviceman and a child in a collision between Nationalists and Socialists in the village of Schattendorf last January.

After the verdict last night, a large crowd demonstrated against the judges, and there were minor collisions between Nationalists and workmen in the streets, which the police cleared with drawn swords.

The real trouble began in the morning, when many workers downed tools and marched to the centre of the city shouting "Down with the murderers of workers! Down with class justice!"

The first conflict was at the University, where windows were broken and the police were disarmed, their uniforms being torn off. They were rescued by a large force of police with drawn swords.

Forty People Killed.

Hitherto 40 people have been killed and 200 wounded in Vienna. There is a most menacing situation in the law courts neighbourhood, where thousands of workmen have erected barricades of motor-cars and lorries to prevent mounted police advancing.

The mob broke into the law courts, and wreaked havoc in the interior, despite the fact that many police were in the building.

Windows were smashed and books and documents thrown out and set on fire in street. Officials and clerks were dragged out and beaten, and were only saved from lynching by volunteer Red Cross workers.

The crowd prevented the Fire Brigade from extinguishing the fire in the building.

After heavy fighting, in which many were wounded on both sides, the Republican Guard drove back the crowd, enabling the Fire Brigade to cope with the fire.

Regular troops with machine-guns marched to the law courts in the afternoon, when the fighting was continuing.

Anti-Italian Feeling.

Minor riots occurred elsewhere in the city. Large crowds before the Italian Embassy shouted, "Down with Mussolini, down with Fascism!"

The mob threw the newspapers out of the office of the *Wiener Uneste Nachrichten*, and burned them in the street. It also set fire to the building of the *Reichspost* newspaper, stormed a couple of police stations, and looted some flats.

Government Control Situation.

PARIS, July 16th.

According to information received in official circles here the Government in Vienna is now master of the situation.

It is stated that the Socialists are negotiating with the rioters with a view to the restoration of order.

Guarding Parliament.

BERLIN, July 16th. A message from Vienna states that the police yesterday evening succeeded in driving back the rioters towards the suburbs.

A battalion of infantry with machine-guns is guarding Parliament building. There is complete calm in Austria outside Vienna.

A General Strike.

PARIS, July 16th. A message from Vienna states that a general strike was proclaimed yesterday evening.

It is officially reported that 12 people were killed and 120 injured, but it is generally believed that the casualties were much greater.

Communications Out.

BERLIN, July 16th. Telephonic and telegraphic communication between Vienna, Berlin, Prague and Budapest has been interrupted since six o'clock in the evening.

Most Ominous Feature.

LONDON, July 16th. The most ominous feature of the Vienna rioting is the cessation of the telegraphs and wireless, including two large broadcasting stations.

News filtering in points to an extremist plot to overthrow existing order, being apparently the culmination of dissatisfaction which has long been simmering among the extremists not only with Dr. Seipel's lightest Government but among the Social Democrats, who formed a powerful opposition which was recently exerted toward retaining influence over the malcontents.

The latter, however, organised plans and skillfully carried out an attempted coup with startling swiftness, taking as their signal the acquittal of three anti-Socialists accused of shooting at the crowd during a Socialist demonstration at Schattendorf, on the Hungarian frontier, in February. The accused men had pleaded guilty.

The Cabinet is at present conferring with the Social Democrats to secure a united front against the rebels, but the outcome is problematical, whilst the authorities' difficulties are accentuated by the severe pruning of the Army under the Peace Treaty.

Police Triumph.

BRATISLAVA, July 16th. The latest news from Vienna reports that 12 persons were killed and 110 injured the majority being policemen.

At the end of the day strong patrols of mounted foot police dispersed the crowds and restored order.

Troops now occupy the squares in front of Parliament Buildings and the Palace of Justice. The authorities, it is stated, are masters of the situation.

Railwaymen Strike.

BERNE, July 16th. It is reported from Buchs, on the Austrian frontier, that the Austrian railway employees have declared a strike.

Law Courts Gutted.

The obscurity in which Vienna has been veiled since the rioting on Friday is gradually lifting. A message despatched from Vienna on the afternoon of the 16th confirms the complete gutting of the Law Courts and the large part the communists played in the disturbances.

It says that all has been quiet since midnight of the 15th, but that machine gun detachments are guarding the Parliament buildings.

Corbions of police, armed with rifles, bar the main street and many other points.

Shops Shut.

Other messages state that most of the shops in Vienna are shut.

The strike of the railways and postal and other public services continues, but the employees of industries only struck for 24 hours in protest.

Food trains are running and the Government are said to be drafting in loyal troops, particularly from the Tyrol with a view to reports that the workers, armed with weapons have taken the arsenal and are marching on the capital.

There is no confirmation of the report that part of the Viennese garrison has mutinied.

A Sensational Story.

The sensational story that Italy had sent an ultimatum to Austria to the effect that unless Italian trains were allowed to pass through Austria to Germany an Italian railway staff and troops would force them through, is discounted by Rome reporting that provisions and merchandise from Italy destined for Germany will be diverted through Chiasso.

BUDAPEST, July 16th. Refugees from Burgenland are flocking in to Hungary, where the authorities are taking the precaution against the spread of disorder from Austria.

BERNE, July 16th. The Central Committee of the Swiss Socialist Party has telegraphed sympathy with the Austrian Socialists in their fight.

Marching on Vienna.

BUDAPEST, July 16th. There are reports from the Austrian border that columns of workers and a Republican Defence Corps are marching on Vienna from the provinces.

The latest news from Vienna indicates that the City is at present quiet, but that anxiety was felt on Sunday when crowds of workmen were expected to arrive and demonstrate. Meanwhile lurid accounts continue to arrive from different sources depicting a red glare over the city. Some speak of red flags hoisted everywhere; while women, wearing red cockades yesterday evening plundered the shops.

It seems, however, that Government forces to-day control the city over which a sepulchral calm at present broods. After a night of terror practically all the workers obeyed the general strike edict including factory hands, railwaymen, postal, telegraph workers and taxi drivers.

Hungary Involved.

BUDAPEST, July 16th. Hungary is involved in Austria's troubles with the flight to the frontier of the family of the two brothers, Tschamann, whose acquittal with the Third Nationalist set the spark of the Vienna explosion.

It appears that a crowd of 5,000 went to Schattendorf on the Hungarian frontier, to the home of the Tschamanns, to exterminate them, but they succeeded in escaping.

BERLIN, July 16th. A telegram from Budapest says that no trains are travelling to Austria from Germany or from Hungary.

BERNE, July 16th. The de Luce express from Paris to Vienna has stopped at the Austrian frontier.

Socialist Proclamation.

"Streams of blood have been shed, but there has been enough" are the words of the Austrian Socialist proclamation issued yesterday urging workers to avoid the streets and not demonstrate.

This did not prevent a serious clash of yesterday evening described via Berlin from Vienna. Five policemen, molested by the mob in the Rosensteingasse, fired in the air, whereupon the mob rushed the police station. The police volleyed killing 6 and wounding 10, whilst a policeman was stabbed to death.

The City Council decided to constitute an Armed Police Force from the members of the Republican Schutzbund. Meanwhile, only possessors of special permits are allowed to pass police cordons, and the sale of alcohol has been temporarily prohibited.

Many buildings bear scars received in Friday's riots and the hospitals are full of hundreds of wounded. Motor cars are being requisitioned.

Social-Democrats Ultimatum.

BUDAPEST, July 17th. Hungarian journalists who fled to Vienna and back to-day report that the Social Democrats sent an ultimatum demanding the resignation of Dr. Seipel, the Chancellor and the dismissal of the Police President Schöber, and the subordination of the police to the major, otherwise they threatened to call the employees of the electrical power station, waterworks and essential food service.

"General" Strike That Was Not General.

LONDON, July 17th. The only positive information received in London direct from Vienna yesterday, was an official telegram received by the Austrian Minister stating that order had been restored by the police, who had the situation completely in hand.

All possible precautions were being taken to prevent further disturbances.

Other official assurances received from Paris state that the "general strike" was not general and that the Government was not endangered.

On the contrary Vienna was still isolated telephonically and telegraphically and by railroad.

Some well-informed quarters believe the revolt had a communist origin and direction but at present the real facts are not fully known.

It is estimated that the casualties in the riots were 15 killed and 5 wounded; but the figures vary considerably.

A Berlin message gives the figures as 50 killed and 700 wounded.

ALL THE SPORT.

Tennis, Bowls, Baseball, Football, Home Cricket and Golf

THE TENNIS LEAGUE.

CHINESE SET-BACK.

U.S.R.C. BEAT HOLDERS IN "B."

FINAL MATCH REQUIRED.

[BY HOLLYWOOD.]

Interest in the "B" Division has been intensified by the unexpected victory of the United Services Recreation Club over the Chinese Recreation Club on Saturday. Hitherto the Chinese had had a continuous run of success, winning ten successive matches in convincing manner and it was generally expected—and I had the same feeling—that they would not have much difficulty in beating the United Services in their last match. But the unexpected happened when the two teams met on the United Services Recreation Club courts, the Home team winning decisively by 64 games to 35.

The victory of the United Services Recreation Club was mainly due to the splendid performance of Lieut. Frowen and Graham who beat the three Chinese pairs and won 27 games in all. Capt. Morris and Lieut. Dale helped materially and also beat three Chinese pairs. They secured 22 games in the three sets. That the match was deservedly won is proved by the fact that the United Services won seven out of the nine sets. Neither this season or last have the Chinese received such a set back and it is to the great credit of the victors to be able to beat a team whose reputation and form have been the terror of competing Clubs.

The reverse of the Chinese does not, however, displace them from the shield by any means, but it certainly makes the competition in the "B" Division, which is the most interesting of the three, much keener. The Chinese have completed their fixtures and now head the Table with one match lost. Only two teams can approach them and they are the Indian Recreation Club and the Club de Recreo, both of whom they have beaten. These two are level on points with one match in hand—and one point behind the Chinese, but as they have to meet each other only one of them can qualify to meet the Chinese in a final match for "B" Division honours. The two teams meet on Saturday and the rest will be watched with much interest.

Only eight matches were decided over the week-end. The various Clubs have almost completed their fixtures and I expect the League season to close by the end of the month. The Indian Recreation Club and Club de Recreo won their respective matches in the "B" Division, as expected, while the match between University and the Nippon Club resulted in a win for the latter by a small margin. Only two matches were played in the "C" Division.

The detailed scores were as follows:—

"B" DIVISION.

U.S.R.C. v. Chinese R.C.

In the most important match of the week played on the United Services Recreation Club courts, Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, the home team won by 29 games.

Scores:—
Frowen and Graham (U.S.R.C.):
beat C. Chon and H. Lo. 7-4
beat F. K. Lau and W. K. Cheung. 10-1
beat M. C. Lau and T. C. Lu. 10-1

Morris and Dale (U.S.R.C.):
beat C. Chon and H. Lo. 6-5
beat F. K. Lau and W. K. Cheung. 8-3
beat M. C. Lau and T. C. Lu. 8-3

Somerset and Quin (U.S.R.C.):

beat C. Chon and H. Lo. 8-3
lost to F. K. Lau and W. K. Cheung. 2-9
lost to M. C. Lau and T. C. Lu. 5-6

Total:—U.S.R.C., 64; C.R.C., 35.

Royal Engineers v. Indian R.C.

Played on the Indian Recreation Club courts, Sookunpoo, the Home team winning by 13 games.

Scores:—
S. A. R. Ismail and S. A. R. Bux (I.R.C.):
lost to Col. C. Russell-Brown and Capt. Jacobs-Lark. 3-8
beat Higgs and Trumper. 6-5
beat White and Purcell. 8-3

Total:—I.R.C., 50; R.E., 43.

Kowloon C.C. v. Recreo.

Played on the Kowloon Cricket Club courts, the Club de Recreo winning comfortably by 37 games.

Scores:—
C. H. Atkins and D. J. Purves (K.C.C.):
lost to J. M. da Silva and F. J. Remedios. 3-8
lost to C. Barretto and E. Noronha. 2-9
lost to F. Ribeiro and E. de Sousa. 4-7

Total:—K.C.C., 31; C. de R., 68.

University v. Nippon Club.

Played on the University Union courts, Pokfulam, the Nippon Club winning by the narrow margin of 5 games only.

Scores:—
T. K. Tan and G. de Souza (University):
lost to T. Isomura and K. Tsurumi. 3-8
beat W. Mizuguchi and T. Miki. 6-5
lost to Sajiri and Fujieda. 4-7

Total:—University, 47; Nippon, 52.

Craigengower v. Hong Kong C.C.

Played on the Craigengower Cricket Club courts, Happy Valley, the Home team winning by 13 games.

Scores:—
W. J. Howard and H. J. Howard (C.C.C.):
beat H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard. 8-3
beat R. K. Valentine and W. A. Nowers. 7-4
beat A. Piercy and J. A. Summers. 6-5

Total:—C.C.C., 50; K.B.S.F.P.A., 40.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

"A" DIVISION.

M.B.K. v. University.

Played on the Mitau Bussan Kaisha courts, Minden Row, yesterday, the University winning by the narrowest possible margin of one game only.

The detailed scores were as follows:—
H. Unotero and S. Edo (M.B.K.):
lost to H. C. Hung and P. S. Lim. 3-8
beat T. W. Chong and T. L. Tan. 9-2
lost to B. H. Wong and T. L. Lu. 5-6

Total:—M.B.K., 40; University, 41.

S. Fujita and T. Ema (M.B.K.):

lost to H. C. Hung and P. S. Lim. 4-7
lost to T. W. Chong and T. L. Tan. 4-7
lost to B. H. Wong and T. L. Lu. 5-6

Total:—M.B.K., 40; University, 41.

M. Kitajima and J. Nakamura (M.B.K.):

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GOLF.

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

"BOBBY" JONES AGAIN WINS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 15th.

The British Open Golf Championship, played at St. Andrew's, over 72 holes, has been won by "Bobby" Jones the American holder, with the record score of 285.

His four rounds were:—68 (record), 72, 73 and 72, and his total of 285 was six strokes better than his nearest competitor.

There were unprecedented scenes, when the crowd, estimated at between 15,000 and 20,000 watched breathlessly while Jones put the ball to the lip of the final hole from a distance of thirty yards. He tapped it down and then a torrent of enthusiasm broke out. The crowd mobbed the victorious American and carried him shoulder high to the clubhouse, Jones waving his putter triumphantly. In a speech later he said, "It is the greatest moment of my life, having achieved my life's ambition of winning at St. Andrew's. I want you to keep the cup in the Club."

Other prize-winners were:—
C. Whitecombe (71 and 75).... 290
Hodson..... 297
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LAWN BOWLS.

SURPRISING VICTORY AT THE VALLEY.

C.S.C.C. BEATEN BY 52 SHOTS.

Some very interesting matches took place in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

There was a new record set up in the margin of shots between winners and losers, and the leaders of the second Division were both beaten, the K.C.C. at home by Taikoo R.C., and the Bowling Green Club away by East Point R.C.

Noteworthy performances in Saturday's matches were those of Deakin of the Civil Service who scored a seven against Wotherpoon of the Taikoo R.C., while in the Second Division, MacLachlan (Kowloon Bowling Green Club) scored a seven against McKellar (East Point R.C.).

All three home teams won their matches in Division I.

The Kowloon Dock R.C. still retain their unbeaten record, but playing against Kowloon C.C., the bottom club of the Division, they only secured the verdict by a margin of 9 shots after a very close struggle. The Dock team have now 16 points for 8 matches played, while with one match less played the Taikoo R.C. are 6 points behind.

Taikoo R.C. entertained the Civil Service C.C., and as was expected, secured the verdict. In the remaining Division I match the Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Craigengower C.C. by an ample margin of 32 shots.

In Division II, the defeat of the two leading Kowloon teams, the Cricket Club and the Bowling Green Club does not affect their League standing. The Cricket Club now have 14 points for 9 matches played, and the Bowling Green Club are relatively in as good a position, with 12 points for 8 matches played. East Point R.C. are lying third with the same number of points for 9 matches played, while Taikoo R.C., who have played on 7 occasions, have 10 points.

The surprise of the day came at the Valley, where the Civil Service Cricket Club second string received a visit from the Club de Recreo. The Portuguese team, apart from beating the home side, set up a new record for the biggest victory, winning by no fewer than 52 shots. Last week in the Police R.C. victory over the Craigengower C.C., the margin was 49 shots. This match, however, was in Division I.

As expected, the Craigengower team beat the Yacht Club away, winning comfortably by 14 shots.

THE RESULTS.

The results of the matches played on Saturday, including scores by rinks, were as under:—

DIVISION I.

Kowloon Dock R.C. v. K.C.C.
At home, the Kowloon Dock R.C. beat the K.C.C. by 9 shots. Scores by rinks:—
K.D.R.C.—R. Lapley (Skip), 21; S. Gray (Skip), 22; J. C. Brown (Skip), 18.
K.C.C.—J. Gibson (Skip), 17; A. G. Pile (Skip), 14; H. Overy (Skip), 18.
Total:—K.D.R.C., 58; K.C.C., 49.

Taikoo R.C. v. C.S.C.C.
Playing at Taikoo, the Civil Service C.C. were beaten by the home team by 12 shots. Scores by rinks:—
T.C.C.—G. Morrison (Skip), 15; W. Wotherpoon (Skip), 24; R. Wallace (Skip), 27.
C.S.C.C.—F. D. E. Pendered (Skip), 20; J. W. Deakin (Skip), 18; A. H. Owick (Skip), 18.
Total:—T.R.C., 66; C.S.C.C., 54.

Kowloon B.G.C. v. C.C.C.
On their own ground, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club won against the Craigengower C.C. by 32 shots. Scores by rinks:—
K.B.G.C.—W. Macfarlane (Skip), 21; A. M. Holland (Skip), 24; W. Russell (Skip), 28.
C.C.C.—E. Arculli (Skip), 14; U. M. Omar (Skip), 12; R. Bassa (Skip), 13.
Total:—K.B.G.C., 71; C.C.C., 39.

K.O.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
At Taikoo, the Kowloon Cricket Club were beaten by the home team by 17 shots. Scores by rinks:—
K.O.C.—F. G. Herdridge (Skip), 19; A. W. E. Davidson (Skip), 12; L. E. Lamert (Skip), 24.
T.R.C.—T. Young (Skip), 27; O. B. Matthews (Skip), 31; H. McKechnie (Skip), 14.
Total:—K.O.C., 55; T.R.C., 72.

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Police R.C. 7 3 0 4 6
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COUNTY CRICKET.

RAIN AGAIN!

VICTORIES FOR NOTTS.

YORKSHIRE AND KENT.

Rain spoilt the mid-week matches, only three games being decided. Notts beat Northants, not a difficult task, Yorkshire smashed up J. W. H. T. Douglas's men at Leeds and Kent had some "rabbit shooting" down Worcester way.

The Lords Gentlemen v. Players was washed out. Dr. R. Jardine seems to have been the outstanding player making 123 out of 276 for the Gentlemen. Ever since Oxford days he has been a most promising player, among a generation that included Chapman, M. Howell, the Gilligans, the Ashtons, G. T. S. Stevens and a host of others lost to cricket owing to the calls of business and the professions.

The chief individual performances were:—

Batting.	
Payton (Notts).....	143*
Ashdown (Kent).....	130
Wensley (Sussex).....	127
D. R. Jardine (Gentlemen).....	123
Young (Somerset).....	109*
Flint (Notts).....	100*
* Not out.	

Bowling.	
Freeman (Kent).....	7 for 45
Nichols (Essex).....	7 " 72
Freeman (Kent).....	5 " 30

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS.

Century by D. R. Jardine.

LONDON, July 15th.

The Players were unable to complete an innings in the game against the Gentlemen at Lord's, and the match was left drawn. D. R. Jardine, the Surrey amateur, hit up 123 for the Gentlemen, and Holmes and Sutcliffe made yet another three-figure partnership. Holmes scoring 60 and Sutcliffe 64.

Score:—
Gentlemen: 276.
Players: 132 (for 2 wickets).

LANCASHIRE v. SOMERSET.

Fine Innings by Young.

Lancashire won on the first innings against Somerset at Taunton, rain preventing a complete decision. The feature of the match was the century by Young in the Somerset second innings. He scored 100 (not out) in a total of 173 for the loss of five wickets.

Lancashire made their runs by sound even batting, no player reaching the half-century mark.

Score:—
Somerset: 205 and 173 (for 5 wickets).
Lancashire: 297.

YORKSHIRE BEAT ESSEX.

In a low scoring match at Leeds, Yorkshire defeated Essex by seven wickets. Essex were dismissed in their first innings for 100, and Yorkshire gained a first innings advantage of 86.

Nichols took seven Yorkshire wickets for 72 runs in their first innings.
Score:—
Essex: 100 and 175.
Yorkshire: 186 and 91 (for 3 wickets).

SUSSEX v. HAMPSHIRE.

Wensley Makes 127.

Hampshire had no opportunity of batting against Sussex at Eastbourne, and the match does not count in the Championship. Sussex made a big score and had lost only six wickets when rain prevented further play. Wensley contributed 127 to the total of 435 (for 6 wickets).

WARWICKSHIRE v. GLAMORGAN.

The game between Warwickshire and Glamorgan was left drawn, both sides getting four points. Warwick's innings produced 233 runs, and Glamorgan had scored 149 for the loss of 4 wickets when rain intervened.

LEICESTER v. GLOUCESTER.

Midlands Bid for a Win.

Major Fowke made a sporting declaration against Gloucester at Cheltenham, and the gamble almost came off, six Gloucester wickets falling for 52 runs in their second innings. Leicester had a first innings advantage of 61 runs and gain major points.

Score:—
Leicester: 238 and 102 (for 8 wickets).
Gloucester: 187 and 52 (for 6 wickets).

(Continued on next column.)

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

IN NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, July 16th.

The following are the results of last week's baseball games played in the National and American Leagues:—

National League.

Saturday (July 15th):
New York 5, Brooklyn 7.
New York 1, Brooklyn 0.
Boston 3, St. Louis 0.
Boston 2, St. Louis 4.
Philadelphia 12, Cincinnati 11.
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 0.

Sunday (July 16th):
New York 5, St. Louis 0.
New York 3, St. Louis 7.
Brooklyn 0, Chicago 3.

Monday (July 17th):
Philadelphia 8, St. Louis 7.
New York 3, Cincinnati 2.
Brooklyn 1, Pittsburgh 2.
Boston 2, Chicago 6.
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 9.

Wednesday (July 19th):
Brooklyn 2, Pittsburgh 1.
New York 3, Cincinnati 11.
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 9.
Boston 6, Chicago 3.
Boston 1, Chicago 4.

Thursday (July 20th):
New York 6, Cincinnati 8.
New York 3, Cincinnati 8.
Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 6.
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 3.
Boston 1, Chicago 6.

Friday (July 21st):
New York 4, Cincinnati 1.
Brooklyn 2, Pittsburgh 6.
Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 9.
Boston 6, Chicago 9.

American League.

Saturday (July 15th):
Detroit 7, New York 19.
Detroit 14, New York 4.
Cleveland 5, Washington 6.
Cleveland 2, Washington 3.
Chicago 1, Boston 2.
Chicago 5, Boston 0.

Sunday (July 16th):
Detroit 6, New York 3.
Cleveland 9, Washington 10.
Chicago 4, Boston 1.
St. Louis 11, Philadelphia 14.

Monday (July 17th):
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 7.
Chicago 7, Boston 6.
Cleveland 8, Washington 3.
Detroit 6, New York 9.

Tuesday (July 18th):
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 5.
Cleveland 8, New York 7.
Detroit 6, Washington 9.
St. Louis 6, Boston 5.

Wednesday (July 19th):
Chicago 5, Philadelphia 7.
Cleveland 3, New York 5.
Detroit 7, Washington 9.
St. Louis 14, Boston 3.

Thursday (July 20th):
Cleveland 4, New York 1.
St. Louis 4, Boston 2.

Friday (July 21st):
Philadelphia 13, Chicago 10.
Philadelphia 13, Chicago 10.
Cleveland 9, New York 10.
St. Louis 3, Boston 2.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

THE KING'S PRIZE-WINNER AT BISLEY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 16th.

At Bisley, the King's Prize was won by Captain C. H. Vernon, late of the R.A.M.C., with a score of 292.

KENT BEAT WORCESTERSHIRE

Freeman and Ashdown in Form.

Kent defeated Worcester by an innings and 169 runs at Worcester. Ashdown made his first century of the season.

In Worcester's first innings, Freeman took seven wickets for 45 runs, and in their second he took 5 wickets for 30 runs, his best performance with the ball this season.

Ashdown scored 139 for Kent.
Score:—
Worcester: 110 and 75.
Kent: 354 (for 9 wickets).

NOTTS ROUT NORTHAMPTON.

Notts continue to press hard on Lancashire's heels for the championship. Against Northamptonshire at Nottingham, they won by an innings and 69 runs, after declaring with only five wickets down. Payton and Flint in a big partnership put on over two hundred runs. Both were undefeated at the close.

Payton scored 143 (not out) and Flint contributed 100 (not out).
Score:—
Notts: 430 (for 5 wickets).
Northants: 84 and 277.

BRITISH BOXING IN DANGER.

CAUSES OF RECENT FAILURES.

BETTING MEN GIVEN TOO MUCH LICENCE.

[BY TREVOR C. WIGNALL.]

It is perhaps the financial aspect of boxing that has caused most talk lately, for it is an open secret that, with the exception of the recent fight at the Albert Hall between Teddy Baldock and Archie Bell for the bantam-weight championship, scarcely a tournament has paid its way.

Even the National Sporting Club and smaller halls like the Ring and Premierland have suffered from a lack of patronage, and those chiefly interested are naturally looking for causes.

These should not be hard to find. In their order they are as follows: The unattractiveness of some of the principal fights arranged.

The desire to put on programmes that are much too long, and the lateness of the hour when some of them are staged.

The presence in the front seats at the ringside of noisy betting men, who are given liberty to go where they will and who annoy spectators who do not wish to bet. These are the things that are hurting boxing, not a decline in interest.

Followers of boxing in England are not now so easily pleased as they were just after the war. Then, anything was good enough, but now they keep away from halls if they do not see a likelihood of getting value for their money.

Spectators Annoyed.

When Baldock and Bell met over 5,000 people were unable to obtain tickets and the Albert Hall was packed. That was because everyone knew that a fight worth seeing would be witnessed, and that the organization of the contest and the conduct of the spectators would both be good.

There is as big a public for boxing in London as ever, but people are not now content with programmes that, although lengthy, are otherwise merely second-class. The truth is that they will not pay for ringside seats so long as the impression exists that raucous-voiced gamblers will sit at their feet and in other ways spoil their evening.

Last Thursday the bookmakers, not content with taking possession of the front seats, also forced a way to the Press table, where they kept up a running fire of chatter and hoarse shouting that, to say the least of it, was unedifying.

All the Albert Hall programmes have been well run, simply because the betting men have been subdued, but at Olympia they have been in charge, and they will soon harm boxing that it may take it years to recover.

PRINCE AS HORSE BREEDER.

EXPERIMENTS ON CANADIAN RANCH.

HUNTERS AND POLO PONIES.

The Prince of Wales intends, says the *Manchester Guardian*, to experiment with the breeding of hunters and polo ponies, more or less thoroughbred in character, on his Canadian ranch, which he is to visit in July, returning to England at the end of August. Hitherto the horses on the Prince's 4,320-acre farm have been of the heavy type, Clydesdales in particular, while the ponies have been of the mountain or moorland breed. It is also understood to be the Prince's intention as soon as the present restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease on the importation of pedigree livestock into Canada are removed to add considerably to his shorthorn stock, which at present numbers about 100, and to his stock of 120 pure Hampshire sheep.

Professor W. L. Carlyle, the manager of the range has had consultations with the Prince concerning the introduction of new blood into the stock and herds on his ranch and upon the plans for the extension of the living accommodation and stables. In making the necessary structural additions, which are to be of the plainest possible kind, particular care has been taken to ensure that the new buildings shall not interfere with the view over the foothills to the towering Rockies. The Prince's visit is to be a real holiday, and accordingly he will undertake no official and social engagements.

THE QUEEN'S CINEMA.

"OH WHAT A NURSE."

SYD CHAPLIN IN A MOST AMUSING FILM.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Oh What a Nurse" is delightful fun from start to finish, the situations and the characterisation are equally amusing, and Syd Chaplin shews himself to be almost the equal of his more famous brother though along different lines. It speaks well for film comedians that there are at least four who play in an individual and successful manner—the Chaplins, Keaton and Harold Lloyd, and besides these there are of course hosts of imitators and smaller figures. Syd Chaplin has made his mark as a female impersonator and has brought the old music hall tradition of Widow Twankey to a fine art. He makes not only a laughable but a pleasing figure as a woman; he is coy and skittish, and attractive, never repulsive or pathetic.

"Charles's Aunt" gave him his chance but there he was working under difficulties; the screen version could not give all the inimitable dialogue which contributes so much to the play, and no one could be Penley. In "Oh What a Nurse" Chaplin has a not dissimilar role under far more favourable conditions. The story was written for the screen, not the stage, it gives scope for a great deal of typical film "business," and the comedian is creating his own part. It is perhaps for this reason that he is better as the young nurse than as the old lady he plays in the opening scenes, where he is a little too reminiscent of the famous dame from Brazil. His acting in the scenes on board the ship, especially that in which he has hysterics, is excellent. It is a film to see and see again.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

The Queen's.

To-day until Wednesday: "Oh What a Nurse." Thursday to Saturday: "Shoulder Arms," one of Charlie Chaplin's most successful pictures, it is exquisite fun; with that underground of pathos which makes Chaplin's work outstanding. In addition "The Tenor" being shown, a film of bandits, love, and horseback chases.

World.

To-day: "The Sensation Seekers"; Billie Dove in a film of modern youth. The dresses are particularly good and some of the stunts make your heart stand still. Tuesday and Wednesday: "Sixty Cents an Hour," a comedy of a young man and a chemist's shop, his hapless love and a band of crooks. Thursday to Saturday: "Tongues of Flame," an exciting story of Indians and bad men, with an amazing street fighting scene.

Star.

To-day: "Black Cyclone," the love story of a magnificent horse, in the cast also are a wolf pack, a bear, and a herd of wild horses. Tuesday and Wednesday: "Heritage of the Desert," a Zane Grey story with cowboys, rustlers and Indians. Thursday to Saturday: "The Wrong Mr. Wright," a comedy of an old man and his boyhood sweetheart now grown old and fat.

POWER BEHIND THE PRESS.

STAGGERING DAILY PRODUCTION FIGURES.

Public interest has recently been focused on Northbell House, the new home of the *Daily Mail*, that marvellously conceived building incorporating the most modern machinery and the latest scientific equipment in the world. For three hours during the night there in an output of 750,000 copies of the *Daily Mail* per hour from 42 printing presses. It is a figure staggering in its enormity and almost impossible of conception. Production is continuous; no stopping of machinery to allow for the feeding of new reels of paper, but by the simple pressure of a button reel after reel slides into position to function according to plan.

The worker is not overlooked in this wonderful building, but special equipment has been installed to allow maximum comfort. A new system of ventilation ensures the maintenance of a healthy atmosphere, and the number and type of conveyors and lifts surely testify to a combination of science and skill ensuring the welfare of the worker and at the same time facilitating maximum production with the minimum degree of effort.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE AT NANKING.

CHIANG KAI SHEK NEEDS \$20,000,000.

VASTLY IN EXCESS OF PRESENT REVENUE.

July 11th.

In order to meet the enormous military expenditure incidental to the rapid progress of the Northern Punitive Expedition, a financial conference was called in Nanking on the 22nd of last month by Koo Ying Fán, Nationalist Minister of Finance. The conference was attended by more than 30 delegates, comprising representatives from Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhwei, Fukien, Kwangtung, and members of the Ministry of Finance including Minister Koo and Vice-Minister Chien Yuan Min.

The Kwangsi delegates were then attending the conference in Hsuechow, and therefore were not present. The conference lasted for a week, during which many important decisions were arrived at leading to the solution of this all-perplexing question of military expenses.

\$20,000,000 a Month.

The amount called for by Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek every month is \$20,000,000, a sum vastly exceeding the present revenue of the government. Kwangtung has been contributing to the central government a monthly sum of \$4,000,000; Kwangsi has not as yet made its pledge. The amount pledged by Kiangsu is \$8,400,000 a year; Chekiang \$6,000,000, Anhwei \$3,000,000 and Fukien \$2,600,000 (making the total sum pledged to the central government by the four provinces \$20,600,000 a year. The receipt from the Customs of the four provinces is \$27,600,000 a year, and the salt surplus yields an annual amount of approximately \$29,100,000. The cigarette tax from the four provinces is estimated at \$24,000,000 a year; special tax of kerosene \$4,900,000; wine and tobacco \$5,000,000; prohibited drugs \$3,000,000; stamp \$1,200,000 and parcel tax \$200,000. The grand total of the income every year from the four provinces is, therefore, about \$114,744,000.

Out of this amount, however, will have to be deducted the following items: \$12,000,000 for the amortization of the Two Five Kwangsu provincial bonds; \$2,000,000 for Chekiang provincial defence; \$16,000,000 for the military and naval expense of Fukien, leaving thus the net amount to the central government \$81,688,000. According to the above budget for the six months to come, from July to December, 1927, the government will have a monthly income of about \$10,000,000. But the amount called for, as has been mentioned, is \$20,000,000 a month; which means the government will have to raise another \$60,000,000 in order to cover the coming six months.

The conference, therefore, decided to issue Rehabilitation Bonds to this amount (i.e., \$60,000,000) to be sold in all the provinces now under the Nationalist Government. The bonds can be redeemed in five years' time and an annual interest of 7 per cent. will be paid. It is not as yet decided whether it will be amortized by the salt surplus or the cigarette tax. With the bonds properly amortized, and considering the confidence that the people in general have in the Nationalist Government, it is expected that the sale will encounter no difficulty.—*Kuo Min.*

PLANE THAT HAS NO BODY.

AIR MONSTER OF THE FUTURE.

The monoplane of Lindbergh and Chamberlin have external hulls, but the next stage, already far advanced, is to eliminate the fuselage and get to that long-promised simplification of the flying wing, or bodyless aeroplane.

Super-giant monoplane are now in construction in the United States and Germany, which, having nothing external but propellers and control-surfaces, will be unlike anything seen in the air before.

Their single metal wings, which are of tremendous size, will not only bear the machines through the air but will in their hollow interiors provide ample accommodation for engines, petrol, passengers, and crew.

Fresh details are available concerning the most ambitious project of this kind, that of Professor Hugo Junkers, in Germany. He has now begun to assemble at Dessau the parts of a mammoth monoplane in which seats are already being allocated to influential German business men for a trans-ocean passenger flight from Hamburg to New York.

GENERAL CHOW'S RULE IN KUEICHOW.

TRIBUTES TO HIS FINE WORK.

ELIMINATION OF BANDITRY IN THE PROVINCE.

KUIYANG, June 6th.

On June 1st and the two days following, there were great celebrations, not only in this provincial capital but throughout the province, of the first anniversary of Gen. Chow Hsi Cheng's taking up office and unifying the provincial government writes a *North China Daily News* correspondent. There is no room for doubt that Gen. Chow's rule is popular, as was evidenced by the spontaneity of the celebrations. And daily, up to the present (from June 1st) congratulatory odes from all classes have appeared in our local dailies. The fact that brigandage is almost entirely suppressed and that there is no fighting in the province, are rightly attributed to Gen. Chow's strong hand. The further fact that the soldiers are so well behaved, on the whole, is in his favour also.

Communist Troops Defeated.

Our papers report that Kueichow troops have defeated the Communist troops in western Hunan and have already got as far as Taoyuanhsien, not far from Changteh.

Friends in Tsunyi tell me of some 2,000 defeated troops having arrived there and that more are on their way. Inquiries of official friends elicit that these are defeated soldiers of Communist generals at and around Luchow in Szechuan; they surrendered their arms, etc., and Gen. Chow is sending them—5,000 in all I am told—to Hunan, to serve with Kueichow troops against Communist troops there.

Some time ago our government daily paper published an explanation of the "Nationalist" flag, and said the white sun on blue indicates "clearness in the heaven," and that the red "body" of the flag stands for universal (or wide-spread) love. That certainly sounds better than the usual explanation.

Opium as a Source of Revenue.

There is one disappointing feature in the provincial régime—opium is the main source of revenue; and whereas formerly only those cultivating the plant were required to pay the tax, now it is decreed that all farmers must pay, as the revenues are barely sufficient—if not insufficient to meet expenses. If the name of the tax were changed, it would not be unreasonable; government must be financed; but it is (throughout the province) called "the opium tax" or levy; and in at least one hien district the payment is required in kind, silver being refused. But I suspect that this may be a local device for getting more profit for the district headmen. In that district there are some men who have been persuaded to give up cultivating opium; to require them to pay the tax on opium, is of course putting a premium on cultivation. And yet, only yesterday I passed by the bureau for devising means of suppressing opium; a government office, not merely an anti-opium society. Of course this constant civil warfare is, in the main, responsible. One is almost tempted to despair of the curse ever being abolished.

NEW MINERS' FEDERATION.

MR. HODGES INVITED TO BECOME FIRST PRESIDENT.

Mr. Frank Hodges was questioned by a Press Association representative with reference to a statement that he had been invited to undertake the leadership of a proposed Federation of Non-Political Miners' Unions.

"It is quite true," he said, "that I have been approached by these new miners unions in the Nottinghamshire and other coalfields and asked to accept the post of president of a proposed Federation, which would necessarily be a rival organisation to the existing Miners' Federation. I have not yet arrived at any decision one way or the other. If there were any strong demand for my services in assisting to improve the lot of the miners generally, and to co-operate in the task of rehabilitating the industry, I should probably decide again to enter the field actively."

"I had looked forward, after my resignation as secretary of the Miners' International, to freedom from controversy, but I should be less than human if I turned a deaf ear to what is obviously a sincere cry for assistance from men who have been so cruelly deceived by those whom they have up to now regarded as their leaders."

MILLIONS LOST BY FARMERS.

VICTIMS OF BROKEN PLEDGES.

HELP POSSIBLE WITHOUT DEARER FOOD.

Certain facts have emerged from the campaign of *The Daily Mail* to enlighten the public on the gravity of the crisis through which British agriculture is passing which at this stage may well be summarised writes the *Agriculture Correspondent* of that paper.

During the past month I have visited every representative agricultural area in the country (though not yet every county), and have met hundreds of farmers in specially called meetings, at their markets, and in their homes.

Accountants, estate agents, auctioneers, merchants, bank managers, and agricultural arbitrators have been seen, and many hours spent in examining farm accounts for the last six or seven years. Bank pass-books also have been opened to me.

It is a striking fact that the period of loss dates almost without exception from the year 1923, following the repeal of the Corn Production Act. Where the loss was not a direct one due to the general slump of the corn markets, it arose through the immediate depreciation of the immense number of holdings bought at high values on the strength of the promises of the Act.

It is obvious from the revelations of the hundreds of farm accounts I have examined that the total sum which agriculture has lost to date by the repeal of that Act must be several millions sterling.

Living On Credit.

It is also patent that the great majority of farmers to-day are living on credit—overdrafts at the banks and accommodation given by merchants, auctioneers, and others on an unprecedented scale—and that this credit has almost reached its limit.

Ploughland and pastoral farming depend each upon the other to the extent that a heavy blow to one affects the other. So the depreciation of farms and stock is general in all parts of the country. Intense foreign competition in meat and dairy products and market garden produce in the last few years has proved the second great blow, the first being the turning of its back by the Government on ploughland farming.

Barley Tax Pledge.

It will never be forgotten by the barley growers that later the Government promised them a tax on imported malted barley, and that the harassed Norfolk farmers immediately settled the strike of their workers for more money on the strength of that pledge, which has not been honoured. Feeling on this point is as bitter as ever.

I have found the meat and milk producers everywhere angered beyond words in their desperation over their continued losses at the Government halting the increase of dairy herds and of production as a sign that all is really well. This increase has been their undoing. It is the cause of immense losses. In face of the heavy unrestricted imports of foodstuffs, the farmers are over-producing, and they stress the irony of the fact as they state it.

Retailers' Profits.

The is another point which has a national interest. It does not matter where are the farmers or what the form of their produce, all emphasise the wide margin between the price they get and the price the consumer pays.

Many of those who have elaborated to me the reasons why the safeguarding of Industries Act should be applied to agriculture point to this margin as a fact which should be kept in the forefront in any attempt to find a solution of the crisis by applying that Act, and at the same time not affecting seriously the price of food.

"There is a big margin to play with," they say.

The farmers are also asking: "If things get worse before they are remedied, if they ever are remedied, how are we to get back our men? They are skilled men, and not made in a week."

The question of wages on the farms is a vexed one everywhere. It is not the amount paid, which is admittedly small, and the farmers tell me they would readily increase it if they could afford it. It is one more heavily increased item in costs, including rates, which have all risen out of all proportion to the rise in prices.

TRIPARTITE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

PRESS COMMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, July 16th.—The new British proposal to find a solution of the cruiser problem at Geneva Naval Limitation Conference continues to be the subject of conversations between experts attached to delegations. Under this proposal, the full terms of which have not yet been made public, cruiser building programmes would be controlled by agreement.

The "Times" Comment.

The *Times* says that under its number of 10,000 tons cruisers would be subjected as between Britain, United States and Japan to a ratio of 12-12-8, a total tonnage for all cruisers and destroyers of about 550,000 tons, which is America's maximum proposal to all classes of auxiliary surface cruisers. The Japanese propose that the ratio for large cruisers should be 10-10-7 within the tonnage of 450,000. The American standpoint that numbers and types of ships cannot be agreed upon until the total tonnage is fixed remains unchanged and the present stalemate arises owing to the fact that Britain, with its special responsibilities for guarding 90,000 miles of trade routes, cannot accept a total until the characteristics of individual vessels are determined.

Britain has declared that the naval needs of the country must be the standard of her requirements in small defensive cruisers to protect her communications. These were frankly stated to the conference and were again emphasised at the plenary session by Lord Jellicoe, who indicated the disastrous effects of raiders to a country whose commerce was open to raids.

It is not expected that the weekend will yield further progress in discussions, as the chief delegates will probably spend the Sunday out of Geneva, but the conversations will be resumed on their return.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Parisien Journal's Comment.

PARIS, July 16th.

The *Matin's* correspondent at the Geneva Conference, commenting on Mr. Gibson's declaration that the Americans could easily reach an agreement with the Japanese but that a tripartite agreement was necessary, says that two facts are revealed: First, that a new phase has started in the relations of Britain and America. At present it is regarded that Anglo-American war is impossible. Second, that Anglo-American rivalry, hitherto concealed, is now openly admitted.

The correspondent is of opinion that the failure of the Conference will be the prelude to disquieting Anglo-American rivalry. If America rebuffed in this attempt and reverts to reprisals in another sphere, it will be the beginning of an immeasurably grave conflict in which no nation could be a disinterested spectator. Nothing less than the world's peace is at stake. [Earlier telegrams on the Conference are printed on page 3.]

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

OPENS AT HONOLULU.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HONOLULU, July 16th.

The second conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations has opened here with over a hundred delegates from Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, the Dutch Indies, etc.

The British contingent includes Sir Ernest Wilton, Sir Frederick Whyte, Sir Percy Wyndham and Mr. Lionel Curtis.

THE PACIFIC FLIGHT.

A CRASH AND AN "S.O.S."

AVIATORS RESCUED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15th.

Almost hourly reports were received yesterday recording the progress towards Hawaii of the aviator Smith, who was accompanied by the navigator Bronte until it was indicated that they were 830 miles from here, but at 10.15 last night an S.O.S. was received from Smith, who subsequently alighted on the sea.

Three steamers which picked up Smith's S.O.S. before he descended on the sea are rushing to his help.

Honolulu messages state that the Fokker monoplane, in which the army airmen Maitland and Hegenberger recently flew to Hawaii, is being prepared to fly to Smith's rescue.

The S.O.S. from Smith stated that the aeroplane could remain afloat only an hour. They had a rubber lifeboat, but asked for help. Smith's position at the time of the call was apparently about 850 miles East and North of Honolulu.

The Crash.

HONOLULU, July 15th. Smith's aeroplane crashed near the island of Molokai Kaiwi. The aviators are reported to be unhurt.

Brought to Honolulu.

HONOLULU, July 16th. The aviator Smith and Bronte, the navigator, were brought here in an Army aeroplane.

The S.O.S. Call.

WASHINGTON, July 7th. A friendly warning to airmen flying across the ocean to be very careful with regard to broadcasting S.O.S. calls is given by Mr. Wilbur, as the result of distress signals sent out by Smith and Bronte.

Mr. Wilbur pointed out that a number of vessels of the United States Navy as well as Pacific liners responded to the call of the airmen who, as they discovered subsequently, were in no immediate danger.

Auxiliary Aeroplane Service.

New York, July 17th. The Shipping Board will shortly investigate the possibilities of an auxiliary aeroplane service to expedite the landing of passengers' mails from on board ships. Such a service is being discussed with Byrd, Chamberlin and Comptond Harley of the *Leviathan* en route to New York.

The plan will probably be tried first from the *Leviathan*.

CAPTAIN COURTNEY'S FLIGHT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, July 16th.

The date of the departure from England of Capt. Courtney, on his attempt to fly to New York and back is indefinite, but he now hopes to leave at the end of next week.

He made a trial trip at Calshot near Southampton yesterday afternoon to test the engine.

The machine is a Dornier-Napier whale flying boat and, since its arrival at Calshot, it has been fitted with wireless installation, which will enable it to keep in touch with passing vessels while crossing the Atlantic.

A SEA BATTLE.

FISHERMEN REPULSE PIRATES.

A fishing junk was attacked by pirates on July 8th at Island Bay, Ping Hoi, but the crew put up a determined fight in spite of rifle fire and eventually succeeded in driving off the robbers.

From the report made to the Police, it appears that two Hoko junks made an attempt to board the fishing boat. They were warned by the owner not to come too near, and when no heed was paid to the warning, the owner fired two rifle shots. A rifled fusillade came from the robbers and a regular sea battle went on for quite a while. As rifle fire did not seem to have much effect on the pirates, the owner of the fishing boat ordered the junk's cannon to be brought into play. One shell was fired which hit the mast of the leading pirate boat. Not wanting anymore, the pirates made a hasty retreat.

THIRD PROMENADE CONCERT.

LARGE AUDIENCE AT LEE GARDENS.

A CAPITAL PROGRAMME.

A larger attendance than ever attended Lee Gardens on Saturday night when the third promenade concert was given by the Band, Pipers, Drummers and Dancers of the 1st Cameronians.

The programme if anything, was even better than that of the previous week. It was of a different style entirely, and comprised some of the most charming selections from popular operas, familiar numbers well-known to everyone being played with rare skill.

So far each concert has been given out of doors, and the weather having proved all that could be desired, the Lee Theatre has not been requisitioned. Practically every seat was taken, and every item was enthusiastically applauded.

The band opened with Fucik's march "Florentine," a piece full of virile and heroic strains which went with a fine swing. Then followed the ever popular and pathetic *Miserere* from Verdi's "Il Trovatore." The soloists were Corporal R. Bain (cornet) and Bandsman G. Phillips (clarinet). Needless to say it was encored. Then came the Regimental Pipe Band with its march, strathspey and reel. Their items were "The Rock and we pickle two," "Marquis of Huntly," "Sleepy Maggie," and "Muckin' of George's Byre."

The band's contribution of a selection from "Pagliacci" was much appreciated, but what went down even better, was Wagner's *Intro to Act III*, and *Bridal Chorus* from "Lohengrin," which shows that really good music can hold its own.

Then came the Sword Dance by Lance-Corporal G. Yates, W. Main and Pipers T. Davidson and J. Thomson, which was followed by the overture "William Tell."

The march "Major John McLenan" and the slow march, "My Lodge is on the old ground," by the pipers, and later a foursome reel by the dancers were greatly appreciated. The Tone poem "Finlandia" was also thoroughly enjoyed, and another excellent contribution was the Valse, "Casino Tanze."

The evening was concluded with the selection "H.M.S. Pinafore," and as always "The Cameronian Rant."

Mr. Horace E. Dowell, L.R.A.M., again held the baton, and Pipe-Major H. B. Eadie was in charge of the pipes and drums. We are now keenly anticipating the fourth concert next week, and hope the weather will ensure that it can be given in the open air rather than in Lee Theatre good as that building is. It is also to be hoped that an attempt will be made to continue these concerts beyond the six weeks now arranged for, as they undoubtedly seem to have "caught on" with the European residents of the Colony, judging by the increasing numbers who make their way to East Point each week.

VISITORS FROM MACAO.

Mrs. C. Cabral and the three Misses Cabral are visitors from Macao passing through on their way for Pakhoi. Mrs. Cabral, with her daughters, is joining her husband, Mr. Carlos Cabral, who is the Acting Commissioner of Customs at Pakhoi. Before Mrs. Cabral left Macao she and the Misses Cabral were entertained to a farewell dinner at Government House on Friday evening. Among the large number of friends who were at the wharf to bid "good-bye" to the Cabrals when they embarked on the *Sui An* on Saturday afternoon for Hong Kong, were H.E. the Governor, Senator Tamaginn Barboza, accompanied by his A.D.C., and Mr. Barboza, M.M. Barboza being unable to be present through indisposition. The Governor of Macao is an intimate friend of Mr. Carlos Cabral. Mr. F. W. Carey, the Macao Commissioner of Customs, and Mrs. Carey were also at the wharf to wish Mrs. Cabral and family bon voyage. The Macao visitors attended the Cameronian open-air concert at Lee Gardens on Saturday evening, and thoroughly enjoyed the varied programme of excellent music provided by the regimental band. Sunday afternoon was spent on the beach at Repulse Bay.

Mr. F. Pires da Rocha, first naval lieutenant, attached to the Harbour Department, and Mrs. da Rocha were also the guests of the Governor of Macao at the farewell dinner on Friday last. Mr. and Mrs. Rocha are proceeding to Portugal from Hong Kong on home leave on Tuesday next. Mr. Rocha met with a serious accident while on duty at Macao recently and is proceeding to Lisbon on medical recommendation.

MILITARY BAND AT CHURCH.

PLEASING INNOVATION AT THE CATHEDRAL.

QUEEN'S PLAY AT EVENSONG.

Since the arrival of so many military units in the Colony, the bands attached to the various infantry battalions have become a popular feature of the Colony's social life. We have military music more or less regularly now at the Queen's Theatre, they are a weekly feature at one or other of the Service men's concerts at the Y.M.C.A.'s, and at the series of concerts at Lee Gardens by the Cameronians. We have heard this band on many occasions, also the K.O.S.B.'s, the Northampton and the Welch, etc.

Last evening there was an innovation at St. John's Cathedral. The band of the Queen's Royal Regiment were there and their presence proved very acceptable to the large congregation.

Prior to the commencement of evensong, the band played a number of appropriate selections, including Tchaikowski's "Chanson Trieste" and "The Loodonderry Air" (Traditional).

The service, apart from the usual evening prayers, was musical in character, the sermon being replaced by the playing of the first movement from Schubert's "The Unfinished Symphony."

Previous to this the band played for the singing of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," and followed this with Gounod's "Ave Maria." Then came prayers, and the playing and singing of the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Following the playing of "The Unfinished Symphony" the impressive service was concluded with the rendering of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "The Messiah."

THE THUNDERSTORM.

VIVID LIGHTNING DISPLAY.

Between seven and eight o'clock last evening the Colony enjoyed (1) a magnificent and very vivid display of lightning, which lit up the sky for seconds at a time. At the height of the thunderstorm the sky was almost one constant glow, as flash succeeded flash.

The thunder was not of very long duration, but the rain came down in sheets, and several inches probably fell, although the actual quantity recorded will not be ascertainable until to-day.

For a matter of twenty minutes or so prior to the break of the storm one could see the junks and smaller sampans scurrying along down the harbour before the wind, with all sail set, making for the safety of the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter. The sky was lowering, black, and threatening as if really serious weather was in store.

NO LANDSLIDES REPORTED.

Up to a late hour last evening no landslides had been reported to the Police or Fire Brigade Station through the heavy rain during the thunderstorm. Possibly there have been one or two minor slides, but nothing of serious import apparently. No damage by lightning was reported.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued yesterday morning by the Royal Observatory, stated:—

Pressure has increased moderately over N.E. China and N.E. Japan and slightly over S.W. Japan to the Loochoos. It has decreased considerably over S.W. China.

The anti-cyclone is central near the Bonins and the depression over N.E. China has filled up. The weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Observatory last night, stated:—

The anti-cyclone is central over the Bonins. At 2 p.m. this afternoon the typhoon was in the vicinity of Amoy, moving N.W.

Local Forecast:—Westerly winds, moderate to fresh, overcast, rain.

The typhoon crossed S. Formosa last night and at 6 a.m. this morning was about midway between Presadore and Amoy, moving towards Amoy.

Forecast:—Westerly winds, moderate to fresh, overcast, rain. Manila, 6 p.m., 17th.—Typhoon in about 117 deg. Long. E. and 23deg. Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

WEMBLEY AS FILM STUDIO.

A £147,500 SCHEME.

Arrangements are in progress for the purchase of freehold property formerly part of the grounds of the British Empire Exhibition for the establishment of a great British film studio. It is claimed that it will be the largest film studio in the world.

A sum of £147,500 is the agreed purchase price for the site, which includes:—

The Palace of Engineering, Half the lake and its grounds, Half of King's Way, The Colonnade and its gardens, The North Entrance Building, and The Exhibition Bank.

The Palace of Engineering is the largest covered concrete building in the world, and it is considered that it will allow of thirty film "shooting" spaces in simultaneous use.

Three big feature films a week, or one hundred and fifty a year, is the estimate of the possible production.

These announcements were made by Mr. Rupert Mason and Mr. Ralph Pugh, joint managing directors of British Authors Productions, Ltd.

BRITISH HOLLYWOOD.

REPLY TO FOREIGN CHALLENGE.

The Film Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* writes: Mr. Rupert Mason and Mr. Ralph Pugh, managing directors of British Incorporated Pictures, Ltd., inform me that the negotiations they have been conducting for some time past for the acquisition of freehold property and buildings, forming part of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, have now been brought to a successful conclusion. "A very substantial deposit," they say, "has already been paid on the agreed purchase price, £147,500, for what will constitute the largest film studio in the world. It is considered by the organisers that this is the best and most concrete answer to the challenge which other countries have offered to British films. The gardens and lake will be used for outdoor scenes. Railway and electrical companies and rating authorities have granted special concessions, and the Air Ministry have reported favourably on the 'climate' of Wembley—a vital point."

Studio Seven Times Size of Trafalgar Square.

"The Palace of Engineering, the largest covered concrete building in existence, seven times the size of Trafalgar Square, has over half a million square feet of floor space, which would admit of thirty big feature films being produced simultaneously, or approximately 150 complete films a year. Very little constructional work will be necessary to adapt the building for film-producing purposes, no more, in fact, than the laying of wooden floors. Wembley is 110ft. above sea level; it is easy of access, being within fifteen minutes' journey by Tube from Piccadilly; there is ample accommodation for all the numerous subsidiary services connected with film production. One of Wembley's greatest assets is its publicity value. Its name is known throughout the world, and more particularly to the 27,000,000 who visited the Exhibition. The knowledge that a film has been produced at Wembley will thus awaken associations everywhere."

A concession, Mr. Pugh stated, in the course of an interview, had been obtained from the local rating authorities whereby only the portion of the studios actually in use would be assessed for rating purposes. Special facilities exist for transport and for economic reasons—availability of crowds, close and rapid contact with the centre of the industry, and the most economical purchasing market—the Wembley site could not be bettered. Additional train facilities had been promised by the railway companies serving the neighbourhood, while a special contract had been made with the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company, by which an adequate supply of electric current had been assured, estimated to cost less than 2d. per unit. When the whole of the studio property was in use, further reductions should bring the cost to about 1d. per unit. The lake was larger than any private studio lake in the world, while the reinforced concrete drop-proof building, formerly a bank for the Exhibition, was to be used for negative stores and film laboratories.

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TWO WORKHOUSE DEATHS.

ODD STORY AT GUILDFORD INQUEST.

POISONOUS MEDICINE?

An unusual story was told at an inquest opened at Guildford by Mr. F. W. Smallpiece on the bodies of Sarah Ann Edgington, 79, and Elizabeth Fagent, 79, two inmates of the Guildford Infirmary, who died after taking a dose of medicine thought to be licorice powder. In opening the inquest the coroner said that a month previously an inmate, aged 92, was given a dose of what was thought to be licorice powder. She became seriously ill and the doctor diagnosed her as suffering from cerebral hemorrhage. She eventually recovered. Within the last few days four women in the institution had doses from the same bottle. Two of the women had died, and the other, who were somewhat younger, had recovered.

Dr. Alan Pimm, medical officer at the institution, said that the woman Rachel Willett to whom the coroner had referred, was admitted to the infirmary on May 23rd suffering from symptoms which he thought at the time were cerebral thrombosis. He understood that she had had a dose of the powder. The symptoms in her case were twitchings of her face, which was flushed, and she was breathing rather heavily. She was semi-conscious and she remained in that state for some few hours and then gradually recovered. Edgington and the Fagent showed the same symptoms as the other woman. They were unconscious and gradually got worse, and died within a few hours.

The Coroner: Have you any knowledge of them having had a dose of medicine?

Witness: The matron of the institution told me they had when they were admitted. In reply to further questions, witness said there were two other women in the institution who had the same licorice powder, and both presented similar symptoms, but they had recovered.

Dr. Edgar Archer, who had made a post-mortem examination, said that in the case of Edgington, the stomach contained a brownish fluid.

The Coroner: Can you give me the cause of death?

Witness: No.

You cannot say whether it is due to irritant poison or anything of that sort?—The signs in this case are not sufficiently positive to say.

Regarding Fagent, the doctor said, bearing in mind the symptoms, he thought there were more positive signs that death might have been caused by some irritant poison, but until an analysis was made he could not say.

The coroner adjourned the inquest in order that an analysis of the organs of the ladies might be made.

BOXING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Detroit, July 17th.

Sammy Mandell, defending the World's Lightweight Title won on a decision in ten rounds against Phil McGraw of Detroit.

"Three separate and distinct organisations are concerned," added Mr. Pugh, "in the scheme set on foot to promote the production of British films on a large scale. The parent company is British Incorporated Pictures, Ltd., founded comparatively recently by Mr. Pugh, with the financial assistance of Mr. Rupert Mason, the Lancashire cotton manufacturer. The primary object of this company was to procure adequate and up-to-date studios for its affiliated producing unit, British Authors Productions, Ltd., which, it is hoped, may be in a position to begin actual work by January, 1928. This object has now been attained by the arrangements made for the acquisition of the Wembley property, which will be exploited by a subsidiary concern, Wembley Central Film Studios, Ltd., whose first tenant will be British Authors Productions. Floor space, up to the limit of the studio's capacity, will be rented to any other producer requiring it. The three organisations involved thus are:—

- (1) A financial corporation, and
 - (2) A studio owning company, and
 - (3) A production unit.
- "Personnel for the production unit is being actively recruited," Mr. Pugh concluded.

MAYOR OF WELLS SENT TO PRISON.

SIX MONTHS FOR MAN OF 70.

PERJURY CONVICTION.

Well known in the county of Somerset, and holding the office of Mayor of Wells, Edwin Schilling La Thangue Collins, a farmer, aged 70, was indicted before Mr. Justice Salter at the Devon Assizes at Exeter on two charges of perjury.

The trial had been transferred from the Somerset Assizes because of alleged local feeling. Collins pleaded not guilty.

Mr. E. H. C. Wethered, prosecuting, said Collins was a valuer and was Sheriff's Officer for Somerset. The allegation was that he committed perjury while giving evidence in an action at Wells County Court in which he was suing a Mr. Jewell, who had been his tenant at 3, Priory-road, Wells, for dilapidations at the termination of Mr. Jewell's tenancy.

There had been a repairing clause in Mr. Jewell's lease, and Collins appointed Mr. Budd, a Shepton Mallet surveyor, to act for him; Mr. Goodall, solicitor, acted for Mr. Jewell. They agreed that the dilapidations to the garden should be settled for £10, which was paid. Later Mr. Budd died, and last November Collins sued Mr. Jewell for £147 dilapidations, including four items relating to the garden, amounting to £59, which Mr. Jewell alleged had been included in the previous settlement.

Garden Items.

Collins swore in the county court that the late Mr. Budd had furnished him with a schedule of dilapidations which included four items relating to the garden. Mr. Geoffrey Budd, jun., who prepared the original schedule for his father, declared that the schedule did not include the garden items and produced a copy of the original schedule. Collins produced in the county court another document, which he swore had been sent to him by the late Mr. Budd and which included the garden items. The county court judge found against Collins on the garden items. The case against Collins was that the document which he swore he had had from Mr. Budd was in fact typed by Mrs. Pettigrew, wife of a Wells stationer, upon Collins's instructions.

"We contend," added Mr. Wethered, "that that document was prepared by Mr. Collins and put in deliberately and falsely in order to mislead the court."

"Talk in Wells."

Mr. Charles Jewell, motor engineer, against whom Collins brought the county court action, said in cross-examination that he was now the prosecutor.

"I considered it was my duty to my fellow citizens to prosecute," he added. "There was general talk in Wells as to why the case was not taken up before."

Mr. Alfred Everard Chubb, solicitor, also gave evidence and was cross-examined by Mr. Croom-Johnson, who asked: Did you communicate with an official in connection with public prosecutions before you got any instructions from Mr. Jewell?—Yes.

Did you do that on your own account?—I did it really on the advice of counsel.

Did you come to the conclusion that there ought to be a prosecution?—I did.

Mrs. Ruth Pettigrew, wife of a stationer and printer, Wells, stated that she typed the disputed document on the instructions of Mr. Collins.

Mr. Croom-Johnson, K.C., opening the case for the defence, "put it to the jury that the case was riddled by impossibilities, discrepancies in evidence, mistakes by witnesses, and faulty recollections."

Collins in Witness-box.

Collins in the witness-box asserted that on May 25th, 1926, he received a letter from the late Mr. Budd which "to the best of my knowledge and belief," he added, contained the disputed document. Mr. Croom-Johnson, in his final appeal to the jury, contended that the prosecution came into being because the people in Wells had taken sides over the county court action, and an atmosphere of suspicion and prejudice had been created against Collins.

The jury found prisoner guilty, and before Mr. Justice Salter passed sentence, Mr. Wilbraham Northey made an appeal to the judge that in view of the public services which Collins had rendered, and the fatal blow the verdict would mean to his private and public life, he would be as lenient as he possibly could.

Mr. Justice Salter, in passing sentence of six months' imprisonment in the second division said: "You have been found guilty of this very grave charge. It is always difficult to detect perjury. In your case the action is far, far worse by reason of the position which you occupy. I do not want to add to your feelings at this moment."

Collins, who appeared to be overcome by the sentence, was assisted out of the dock by one of the warders.

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ARRIVALS.

July 15th.
Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,359 tons, Capt. S. Takeya, from Bombay and Singapore. The latter port she left on July 9th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—O.S.K.

Chung King, Chinese str., 240 tons, Capt. Leung Sau Kong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Hong On S.S. Co.

Devayongse, Chinese str., 1,022 tons, Capt. H. Spland, from Kinshon, which port she left on July 12th, with salt and bullocks, lying at buoy No. C39.—Chan Yue Teng.

Handral, Norwegian str., 715 tons, Capt. E. Henriksen, from Dalny, which port she left on July 10th, with a cargo of beans, lying at buoy No. C19.—Karsten Larsen & Co.

July 16th.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei. The latter port she left on July 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Fingul, Norwegian str., 1,202 tons, Capt. N. Bull Melsen, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C16.—Hidaka & Co.

Foonhing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. W. Allen Balch, from Shanghai via Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 6,310 tons, Capt. T. Sekine, from Yokohama via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai. The last mentioned port she left on July 12th, with 506 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 4,700 tons in transit, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Linchow, French str., 1,416 tons, Capt. M. Meon, from Haiphong and Pakhoi, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37.—Sing Kee Co.

Munda Maru, Japanese str., 1,824 tons, Capt. N. Sasaki, from Haiphong and Hothow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—O.S.K.

Munsterland, German str., 3,864 tons, Capt. W. Hennicke, from Hamburg and Manila. The latter port she left on July 14th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—Jensen & Co.

Santhia, British str., 4,841 tons, Capt. A. B. D'Crux, from Singapore, which port she left on July 11th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7.—B. & S.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Man Yick S.S. Co.

Takura Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. K. Itoh, from Koolung and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Tak King, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Ho Yuan, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi Co.

Yu Sang, British str., 1,122 tons, Capt. R. C. Thompson, from Tsingtau, which port she left on July 10th, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

July 17th.
Ermland, German str., 3,894 tons, Capt. H. Eckhorn, from Shanghai, which port she left on July 14th, with paper and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A24.—Jensen & Co.

Hong Kong, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, which port she left on July 12th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B3.—Seng Soon Hong.

President Lincoln, American str., 14,187 tons, Capt. H. L. Jones, from Manila, which port she left on July 15th, with 60 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Tai Sze Ma, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Lo Yat Sun, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Wing Heung Co.

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July 16th.
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Foonhing, for Canton.
Hai Hong, for Swatow.
Handral, for Canton.
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Hosai Maru, for Swatow.
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Kant Hamsan, for Swatow.
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Toyo Maru No. 1, for Weihaiwei.
Yu Sang, for Canton.

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Aug. 10	Seattle	Manhattan	Sept. 8	Port of Spain
Aug. 16	San Francisco	Olympic	Sept. 17	Port of Spain
Aug. 24	Seattle	Borngaria	Sept. 17	Port of Spain
Aug. 30	San Francisco	Homeria	Oct. 1	Port of Spain
Sept. 7	Seattle	Aquitania	Oct. 1	Port of Spain
Sept. 13	San Francisco	Majestic	Oct. 15	Port of Spain
Sept. 21	Seattle	Leviathan	Oct. 15	Port of Spain
Sept. 27	San Francisco	Olympic	Oct. 25	Port of Spain
Oct. 5	Seattle	Borngaria	Nov. 4	Port of Spain

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PRESIDENT GARFIELD ... Tuesday, Aug. 30th, 8.00 a.m.

PRESIDENT HARRISON ... Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 6.00 a.m.

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TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT HAYES ... July 19th, 6.00 a.m.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND ... July 19th, 6.00 p.m.

PRESIDENT MADISON ... July 25th, 6.00 a.m.

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SHANGHAI	... "OHAKSANG"	Friday, 22nd July, at 10 a.m.
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TIENSIN	... "CHEONGSHING"	Saturday, 23rd July, at 5 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	... "KWAISANG"	Sunday, 24th July, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	... "HANGSANG"	Wednesday, 27th July, at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "LAISANG"	Thursday, 28th July, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	... "HINSANG"	Saturday, 30th July, at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	... "MINGSANG"	Sunday, 31st July, at 8 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	... "YATSHING"	Sunday, 31st July, at 10 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI	... "KUMSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd Aug. at 7 a.m.
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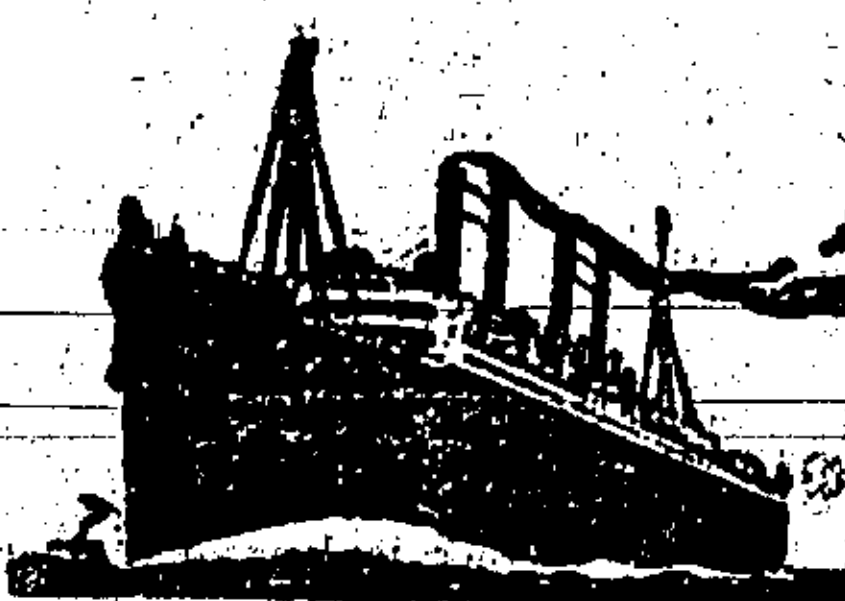
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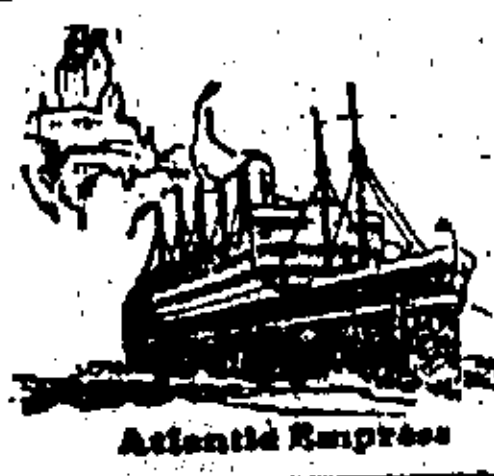
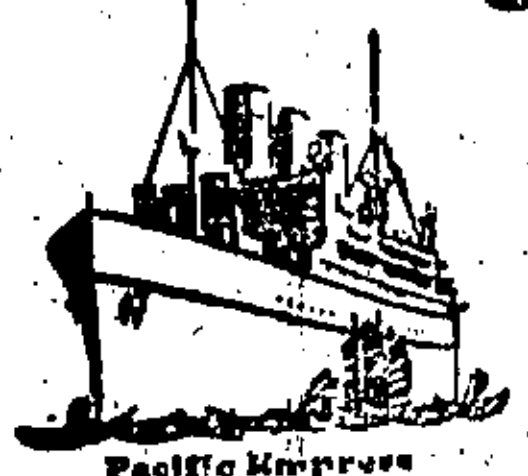


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WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

THROUGH FREIGHTS FAIRLY GOOD.

HONG KONG IMPORTS LOW.

The week-end freight returns showed that cargo imported into the Colony was at a low level. This was particularly so on Saturday, when there were only seven arrivals, while with double that number of arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, there were about 5,000 tons more for this port. Freight for ports beyond were better, and there were fairly heavy consignments registered on Saturday in four ships, and through freights ran into five figures yesterday.

SATURDAY'S RETURN.

Saturday's returns showed that there was imported into Hong Kong 2,991 tons of cargo, of which the one British arrival had only two tons on board. The *Hakozaki Maru* (Japanese) brought cargo of 508 tons of cotton goods, and a Chinese steamer arrived with 1,320 tons of salt, etc.

Freights for ports beyond totalled 14,009 tons, of which the British steamer carried 1,500 tons, a Norwegian ship a similar quantity, the *Hakozaki Maru* 4,765 tons of cotton goods and general freight, and another Japanese ship 8,240 tons of general.

Arrivals and Departures.

Arrivals totalled 7 and departures 11 for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday, these being as under—British, arrivals one, departures 6; Japanese, arrivals 1, departures 2; Chinese, arrivals 3, departures 1; French, one departure.

Cargo Carriers.

The cargo carriers were as under: S.S. *Oanfa* (British) from Dairen and Shanghai, two tons general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,500 tons for other ports. S.S. *Havdrøt* (Norwegian) from Dairen, 600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,500 tons for other ports. S.S. *Hakozaki Maru* (Japanese) from Shanghai, 508 tons cotton for Hong Kong and 4,765 tons general cargo for other ports. S.S. *Celebes Maru* (Japanese) from Bombay and Singapore, 73 tons general cargo for Hong Kong and 8,240 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Devanah* (Chinese) from Kinnor, 1,320 tons salt, etc., for Hong Kong. S.S. *Ching Ching* (Chinese) from Kwong Chow Wan, 180 tons general cargo for Hong Kong. S.S. *Kwong Foo* (Chinese), from Macao.

YESTERDAY'S RETURNS.

During the period ended at 9 a.m. yesterday 3,239 tons of cargo was discharged in the Colony, of which 4,521 tons was carried in British bottoms. Through cargo totalled 23,057 tons, 8,937 tons of which was carried in British bottoms. The best returns for Hong Kong were 1,891 tons of general by the *Menado Maru* from Hoihow; 1,500 tons by the *Santhia* (British) and 1,490 tons by the *Sheong Shing* (British). The

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

BLUE FUNNEL CAPTAIN'S SUICIDE.

MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The following message from Penang dated, July 11th, appears in a *Singapore Free Press* to hand: A verdict of suicide by hanging was returned at the inquest on Capt. Ernest Taylor, of the Blue Funnel steamer *Adrastus*, who died aboard the ship as she was approaching Penang on July 7th. (Continued on next Column.)

heaviest through cargoes were carried by the two German steamers *Ermland* and *Manitow*—8,000 and 6,889 tons respectively.

A well-assorted cargo both for Hong Kong and other ports arrived per *Santhia* (British) from Singapore. She discharged opium, gunnies, jute, tea, linseed oil, shellac, old iron, rattan, tin and general to the total of 1,500 tons; and for other ports she carried 3,510 tons of rape cake, gunnies, jute, pig iron, skins, shellac, rubber and general. The *Tai See Ma* (Chinese) brought 286 pigs and 87 bullocks.

Arrivals and Departures.

There were 14 arrivals and 19 departures for the period under review, the arrivals being:—British, 6; German, 2; French, 1; Japanese, 2; Chinese, 3.

Cargo Carriers.

Vessels arriving were:—S.S. *Foo Shing* (British) from Swatow; 791 tons general for Hong Kong, 1,386 tons for other ports. S.S. *Shantung* (British) from Canton; 320 tons general for other ports. S.S. *Cheong Shing* (British) from Weihaiwei, 1,490 tons general for Hong Kong, 890 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Santhia* (British) from Singapore, 1,500 tons general for Hong Kong, 3,517 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Hong Ping* (British) from Singapore, 300 tons general for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Yu Sang* (British) from Taingtao, 440 tons general for Hong Kong, 1,758 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Ermland* (German) from Shanghai, 30 tons general for Hong Kong, 8,000 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Manitow* (German) from Manila, 321 tons general, 6,889 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Linchow* (French) from Pak-hoi, 500 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Menado Maru* (Japanese) from Hoihow, 1,500 tons general for Hong Kong and 31 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Taikwa Maru* (Japanese) from Swatow, one ton general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Tai See Ma* (Chinese) from Kwong Chow Wan, 300 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Sun Kong* (Chinese) from Kwong Chow Wan, 300 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Tak Hing* (Chinese) from Autau, 175 tons general for Hong Kong.

The Chief Officer deposed that deceased appeared to be depressed after leaving England and at Port Said was confined to his bed for three days. On the morning of July 7th he went to call the captain and, not receiving any reply, looked in at the bathroom and found him hanging by a piece of boot lacing from the port-hole screws. Deceased was a native of Fifehire and was married.

The *Adrastus* is expected in this port on Wednesday.

Deck Passengers.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday 94 Asiatic deck passengers entered the Colony. For the same period ended yesterday there were 2,092.

Arriving and Leaving.

The *Hakozaki Maru* arriving on Saturday brought 73 passengers for Hong Kong, of whom 11 were first-class, 10 second-class, 14 third-class, and 37 steerage. The vessel, which left for Europe later in the day, then had on board 152 through passengers, most for Europe.

"Kong Ning" Leaves.

Sailing under the house-flag of the Tung Yick Company, the *Kong Ning* left port on Friday to take her place on the Wuhow run. She had a fair cargo, and good passenger bookings. This trip was her first voyage, after being inactive for some time following grounding. Capt. J. McCarthy is the master, Mr. G. Williams Chief Officer, and Mr. W. H. Saunders, is Chief Engineer.

Inland Passengers.

During the week ending Saturday last 2,842 persons arrived in Shanghai from inland towns and cities, via steam launches on Soochow Creek, and 2,943 persons left by the same route.

Oil Tanker.

The Admiralty oil tanker *War Afridi*, 3,320 tons net, under the command of Capt. Elaby, arrived at Singapore last week with fuel oil from Abadan. She left later in the day for Hong Kong.

Training in Sail.

Training in sail has almost ceased to be available for the budding seamen in Britain. On the Continent, however, both Governments and private owners attach much importance to the existence of facilities for lads to acquire a knowledge of seamanship and navigation in sailing-ships. Even Spain, which does not rank very high nowadays as a seafaring power, is shortly to possess a cadet-ship which will for the most part be propelled by the wind, though for use in calms and in other exceptional circumstances she is equipped with motor power. This vessel, the *Sebastian de Elcano*, was launched recently at Cadiz for the Spanish Navy, and is rigged as a barquentine, her fine lines and clipper bow giving her a very handsome appearance. She has a length on the water-line of 280 ft. and her machinery installation will consist of a four-cylinder two-cycle single-acting Sulzer engine of 300 b.h.p., capable of propelling the ship at 9 to 10 knots. Electricity is employed for handling the sails, for heating, lighting and ventilation; the cold-storage plant is also electrically operated, as is the bakery. The tanks are designed to store 230 tons of fuel oil, with which quantity the vessel will have a cruising radius of 10,000 miles at full speed.

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"MACEDONIA"	14,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	8,144	2nd Aug.	Marseilles, Casa Bianca, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"NYANZA"	7,023	3rd Aug.	Straits and Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KAWALPINDI"	10,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MORHA"	8,155	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	10,953	17th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	1st Oct.	do.
"MALWA"	10,896	15th Oct.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	29th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	13th Nov.	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	26th Nov.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,846	10th Dec.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.	do.
"MORHA"	10,953	7th Jan. 1928	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan. 1928	do.

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"SANTHA"	7,734	12th Aug.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"ARATURA"	6,000	29th July	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,955	2nd Sept.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	30th Sept.	do.

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"SANTHA"	7,734	19th July, 6 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KAWALPINDI"	10,619	22nd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	5th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,955	9th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MORHA"	10,953	30th Aug.	Shanghai.
"NAAGPORE"	6,233	10th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	2nd Sept.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	6th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,896	10th Sept.	do.
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"KHYBER"	9,114	21st Jan. 1928	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb. 1928	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	18th Feb. 1928	do.
"MANTUA"	10,846	28th Feb. 1928	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar. 1928	do.
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